

K-17 RELATIONS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of School Trustees recognizes that the community service responsibilities of a school district rightfully extend beyond provision of basic academic instruction to youth. It is aware that such responsibilities sometimes entail cooperation with governmental and private agencies in offering types of services for which schools are especially qualified or equipped. Such services may include but are not limited to United Fund solicitations, disease immunizations, health and safety screening programs, and Selective Service registration.

The administration is directed to evaluate carefully each request for the school district to facilitate or support externally sponsored public services. It should approve only those in which community interest is favorably balanced against the time and personnel resources which the school district directs to such facilitation or support. All approved community services should be implemented in a manner which will minimize diversion from the district's primary instructional mission.

The decision making process must take into consideration appropriate involvement of parents and other citizens. The local school should include citizen groups and their representatives on advisory committees, operation involvement groups, and in other appropriate advisory roles.

The Board endorses the creation of parent organizations such as PTO units and Parents Advisory Councils as appropriate means of achieving effective and maximum feasible involvement of mothers, fathers, and other guardians of students in the business of the schools. The Board expects all staff members -- but most particularly principals -- to work closely and in harmony with the officers and directors of each parent organization.

Each school should make a systematic effort to identify community groups and organizations which are interested in schools and have resources that would enhance the learning program. Plans should be made to cooperate with and to involve such groups in the school program.

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