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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

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The board endorses the concept that community participation in the affairs of the schools is essential if the school system and the community are to maintain mutual confidence and respect and work together to improve the quality of education for students. Therefore, the board intends to exert every effort to identify the desires of the community and to be responsive, through its actions, to those desires.

All citizens are encouraged to express ideas, concerns, and judgments about the schools to the school administration, the staff, to any appointed advisory bodies, and to the board.

Residents who are specifically qualified because of interest, training, experience, or personal characteristics are encouraged to assume an active role in school affairs. From time to time, such persons may be invited by the board to act as advisors either individually or in groups.

The board and the staff shall consider to the advice they receive from individuals and community groups interested in the schools, especially those individuals and groups they have invited to advise them regarding specific problems, however, the board shall use its best judgment in arriving at decisions based on this advice.