

COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM

The Board of Education believes that the success of the schools in this District, as in all other Districts, is directly related to the understanding, active interest, participation, and support of the citizens of the District. Therefore, the Board encourages community participation and believes that it is essential that the School District and the citizens maintain mutual confidence and respect and work together to improve the quality of education for its student population.

To these ends, the community relations program shall encourage citizen participation in and support of the educational program and shall endeavor to achieve the following goals:

- Maintain communication with all citizens of the School District, keeping them informed of the policies, regulations, programs, budgets, problems and plans of the school system.
- Conduct all its business in open public session, except for matters to be discussed in executive session as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.
- Invite, encourage, and actively seek the advice and counsel of citizens by scheduling public meetings when needed and establishing citizen advisory committees.
- Cooperate with parent-teacher groups and other organizations or patrons seeking information or offering assistance to the schools.
- Recognize the right of the communications/news media to inquire, research, and report accurate information about the school to the public, and provide reasonable assistance to media representative.

In addition, the Superintendent shall designate staff to:

- Coordinate District-wide activities in school-community and public relations areas.
- Assist building principals, as needed, in their information and public relations efforts.
- Ensure that information gathering/public relations activities in the schools will not disrupt unduly the normal educational process in the classrooms.