

BOARD - STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

The Board of Education desires to maintain open channels of communication between itself and the staff. The basic line of communication will, however, be through the Superintendent of Schools.

Staff Communications to the Board

All communications or reports to the Board from principals, teachers, or other staff members shall be submitted through the Superintendent. This procedure will not be construed as denying the right of an employee to address the Board on important matters provided that the request is processed in accordance with the Board's policy on public participation at Board meetings. Staff members are also reminded that Board meetings are public meetings. As such, they provide an opportunity to observe, first hand, the Board's deliberation on problems of staff concern.

Board Communications to Staff

All official communications from staff will be communicated through the Superintendent of Schools, and the Superintendent will employ all such actions as are requested to keep the staff fully informed of the Board's problems, concerns and actions.

Visits to Schools

Individual Board members may be interested in visiting schools on occasion. They shall inform the building principal of such planned visits and make arrangements for visitation through the principal. Such visits shall be regarded as informal expressions of interest in school affairs and not as inspections for supervisory or administrative purposes.

Social Interaction

Staff and Board members share a keen interest in the schools and in education generally. As occasions might occur, outside of regular Board of Education sessions, staff and Board members might informally discuss matters such as educational trends, issues, innovations and general school district problems. However, staff members are reminded that individual Board members have no special authority except when they are convened at a legal meeting of the Board.