

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Board recognizes the importance of having the informed support of the public. Therefore, public and school media shall be used to channel information about the school district and school activities into homes throughout the district. Specifically, the Board shall:

- 1. Give public notice of all Board and school district meetings and encourage citizens to attend such meetings, except those closed to the public for reasons outlined by state law.
- 2. Keep residents informed of Board actions, school activities and district policies through the news media and other school sponsored media.
- 3. Encourage school personnel to contact parents frequently concerning the educational needs and accomplishments of their children.
- 4. Solicit the advice and counsel of citizens in planning and operating the school district.
- 5. Encourage use of community resources in order that each learning experience may be more realistic to each child.

The Board of Education believes that all reasonable means should be employed to keep the public informed on matters of importance regarding District policies, finances, programs, personnel, and operations. It is the purpose of this policy to provide the ways and means to accomplish this purpose.

The District administrator shall direct an information program designed to inform the citizens of the community and general public about the achievements and the needs of the schools. All press releases pertaining to particular grade levels or programs shall be cleared through the building principal. Press releases pertaining to the District as a whole shall be cleared through the District Administrator.

Toward this end, the District shall provide parents or guardians and other District residents opportunities for orientation and information regarding State regulations and local school procedures, and will utilize, insofar as practical, all appropriate means and media to achieve this end.

CROSS REF.: Policy #186 - Advisory Committees to the Board

Policy #187 - Public Participation at Board Meetings

Policy #821 - News Media Relations Policy #822 - Access to Public Records

Policy #881 - Relations with Parent Organizations

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