

8.00 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.

The Board recognizes its obligation to inform the citizens of the District of the policies, problems, and progress of the educational system. It is the intent of the Board to disseminate pertinent information to all interested persons as best as it can and with whatever techniques that prove to be most effective. The Superintendent shall direct an information program designed to inform the community of the achievements and needs of the schools. The information program shall include at a minimum annual reports of school progress for each school.

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:

- A. To develop intelligent citizen understanding of the school system in all aspects of its operation.
- B. To determine how the citizenry feels about the school system and what it wishes the school system to accomplish.
- C. To develop citizen understanding of the need for adequate financial support for a sound educational program.
- D. To help citizens assume a more direct responsibility for the quality of education the school system provides.
- E. To earn the good will, respect, and confidence of the citizenry in the personnel and services of the school system.
- F. To bring about citizen understanding of the need for improvement and what must be done to facilitate essential change in the school system.
- G. To involve citizens in the work of the Board and the solving of its educational problems.
- H. To invite the assistance, cooperation, and understanding of elected and appointed township officials and committees in the development of educational programs and facilities.
- I. To promote a genuine spirit of cooperation between the Board and the community in sharing leadership for the improvement of the community.

The Board believes the best method of accomplishing the stated school-community relations goals is

through the creation of a two-way communication system. This system is a crucial ingredient in the school-community relations program, because it develops a wholesome mutual understanding, respect and confidence between the school system and the community.

The Board assigns the responsibility to every school employee, certified or non-certified, to improve and promote better school-community relations and the improvement of the quality of education of our children.