

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS

The School Committee is responsible for the governance of the public schools which belong to the community which created and supports them. The School Committee recognizes that informed support of the schools is dependent upon community knowledge, understanding and participation in the efforts, goals and programs of the schools. The School Committee shall ensure that the public is provided with information and opportunities to participate in the establishment of school programs and policies.

Therefore, the School Committee and the school staff will strive to:

- A. Recognize that the schools ultimately belong to the community and cannot be separated from it;
- B. Create and maintain an atmosphere of mutual understanding and respect for the students and adults who learn and work within the school system;
- C. Create and maintain an atmosphere which welcomes public involvement in school affairs;
- D. Ensure that staff, students and the community at large have access to information concerning programs and policies which concern them; and
- E. Seek to understand and inform community perceptions and understanding of school policies and programs.

Achieving these objectives requires that the School Committee and staff, both individually and collectively:

- A. Exhibit a constructive attitude regarding the schools in their contacts with parents, community members, and one another;
- B. Make a systematic, honest, and continuing effort to discover what the community thinks and wants to know about the schools and to interpret school programs, problems and accomplishments to the community;
- C. Develop an active partnership with the community in working to improve the educational program; and
- D. Take an active interest in the educational needs of the community and seek ways to meet these needs.

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