

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

The board endorses the concept that community participation in the affairs of schools is essential if the school district and the community are to maintain mutual confidence and respect and work together to improve the quality of education for all students.

It also believes that effective citizen participation cannot be obtained if citizens may participate in decision making only at the district level. To respond fully to the needs and concerns of community groups, individual schools must work closely with their own school community.

It is the board's belief that the individual school should be a basic unit around which community participation in decision making should be encouraged. Advisory committees for individual schools may be established, either on an ongoing basis or for a specific purpose. The board shall set guidelines for the type of counsel such committees are asked to give administration and board.

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