

**BOARD RELATIONS WITH THE MEDIA**

The Board believes that it has a responsibility to keep the public informed about the operations, programs, progress, and problems of the public schools. Consequently, Board meetings are open to the news media and public. In the event that representatives of the news media are unable to attend a meeting, upon request, the Superintendent shall provide a summary of important Board actions.

Public documents, as defined by state statute, will be made available as provided by statute and the school unit's procedures. Requests should be made to the Office of the Superintendent.

The Board Chair shall act as public spokesperson and point of contact for media inquiries and requests for information. Nothing in this policy shall prevent any other Board member from providing information or comment to the media, nor shall any other Board Member be required to speak to the media.

Legal Reference: 1 MRSA § 402

Cross Reference: KI - Visitors to the Schools

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