PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW / FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Board recognizes the right of the public to information concerning its actions, it policies, and the details of its educational and business operations. The Board encourages study, discussion, and active participation by all concerned in the promotion of the best possible program of education in the community. It is the practice of the Board to utilize the advice and assistance of interested individuals and groups in the solution of its educational and financial problems.

In recognizing the cooperating organizations in the District and by encouraging their active participation in educational policy making, the Board wishes to make it clear that in no way does it wish to escape its responsibility to the citizens of the community as the official governing body responsible for a final decision on all matters of policy and educational programs. The Board accepts the following basic principles that are essential to a good public-relations program:

- The Board will transact all official business in open meetings (except as exempted by law), which the press, the public, and school employees are welcome to attend, and at which time communications, both oral and written, may be received and considered when placed on the agenda.

- The Board will function as speedily and as efficiently as circumstances permit, and always with due regard for the public interest.

- Board members will familiarize themselves with the work of the school system in all major areas and shall bring to the schools the viewpoint, the knowledge, and the wisdom of the community.

- The Board will make provision for keeping a record of the proceedings of all meetings. Minutes of all Board meetings (except executive sessions) shall bee considered matters of public record.

- The board will keep in mind that maintaining the confidence and respect of the community is of paramount importance to the success of the educational program of the District.

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