COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

The school 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 communities.

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. For that reason it authorizes the establishment of advisory committees for individual schools.

The board and the staff shall give serious attention to the advice received from individuals and community groups interested in the schools. Special attention shall be given to those who have been invited to advise regarding selected problems, but the board and staff must use their own best judgment in arriving at decisions.
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The school board should enlist citizen groups to assist and counsel them, making certain that three principles are followed:

1. Citizen groups should be broadly representative.

2. Recommendations should be based on research and facts.

3. Recommendations should be submitted to school board which alone has the authority and responsibility to act upon them.