

Barre Town Supervisory District Policy Manual

**TITLE: Community Relations    CODE: KD**

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Barre Town School District to encourage the involvement of the community in its school, to keep the community informed of the objectives, achievements, needs, and conditions of the school system. The superintendent of schools will be responsible for initiating and administering a continuous program of communication within the community. The superintendent will make use of appropriate school personnel and all available media in discharging this responsibility.

**Implementation**

Community support for the program can best be established through a public that understands and is active in school affairs. Therefore, it is the expressed policy of the school to cooperate actively with community agencies and organizations that are concerned with the welfare of young people. All efforts of this school system should be directed toward maintaining open communications among the schools, the public, and public agencies.

The school system's community outreach program should:

1. create a planned, systematic, two-way communications process between the Board and the community;
2. encourage opportunities for the school involvement through volunteerism;
3. provide the channels necessary for resolving grievances and eliminating misunderstandings;
4. use a variety of media including but not limited to meetings, letters and e-mail, circulars, web sites, seminars, publications, communications media and personal contacts;
5. provide that, when circumstances warrant, the board will designate an administrator or board member to be the spokesperson for the board or district on a given topic or specific incident. When such a designation has been made, the designated individual shall respond on behalf of the district or board to all inquiries related to the topic or incident, and board members and staff members will refer all inquiries to the designated individual.

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