

Community Relations

Relations with the Board

The Board of Education recognizes that as officials of the Regional Board, individual members are elected by the voters of a particular town. However, the Board is committed to conducting the District's business and fulfilling its responsibilities as a regional Board of Education. Therefore, a board member's primary responsibility is to serve the entire District. In addition to many other responsibilities, Board members should be responsive to the concerns expressed by the citizens of the community who elected them.

With this relationship established, it is the Board's position that the District and its citizens can best be served when problems that arise are resolved at the most immediate level of responsibility, or at an administrative level closest to the level of immediate responsibility.

The immediate responsibility concerning an individual student regarding educational matters is with the classroom teacher or subject teacher. Until such time a problem has been resolved, individuals should proceed through the next levels of responsibility until an understanding is reached. In most instances levels for responsibility proceed starting with the teacher to the school administrator, to the Superintendent of Schools, and to the Board of Education.

The immediate level for responsibilities regarding administrative matters is generally with the administrator of each school.

The immediate level for responsibility regarding the implementation of Board policies and District wide administrative matters is with the Superintendent of Schools.

The immediate level for responsibility regarding the formulation of Board policies and the establishment of rules and regulations as required by State law is with the Board of Education.

Finally, it is the Board's position that concerns expressed by individuals to individual Board members will be entertained by the Board after it has received sufficient evidence through its Superintendent of Schools that all means for resolving concerns at lower levels of responsibility have been exhausted, and that the parent(s) or citizen(s) involved have stated their concern in writing to the Chairperson of the Board of Education.