

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

The Indian River School District recognizes the value of broad citizen involvement with the program and operations of the school system. The Board intends to encourage the voluntary involvement of citizens, both individuals and groups, to act as advisers and resource people as one significant means to achieve the goal of quality education for all children. This intent is supported by the following beliefs and principles:

1. That the schools are created and supported by the people of the school district with the expectations that their children will be educated to lead productive and fulfilling lives for themselves and society.
2. That the school program can better meet the educational needs of children when school personnel recognize that parents and other citizens of the community should serve in a cooperating role of identifying educational needs and the broad goals of achievement for their children.
3. That citizen involvement can be preventive in nature in that it offers the school a means of anticipating and working toward the solution of problems before they reach crisis proportions.
4. That community citizens possess the insight, experience, specialization, and interest to anticipate, define, and work toward the solution of problems which confront the school because their daily experience involves living and working in the community and represents the full spectrum of expertise upon which our society depends.
5. That the goal of quality education for each individual can best be achieved by utilizing the rich and diverse talents of the people who “are” the community.
6. That utilizing the talents of the people in the community to achieve high quality educational outcomes will contribute toward making the community a more attractive and fulfilling place in which to live and work.
7. That active interaction of the community’s citizens with their schools is the best example to the student that the school is an integral part of the community and that the community believes in and has serious expectations of the school.
8. That the commitment and support needed to achieve the goal of quality education for all children is developed by creating broader citizen understanding and involvement in formulating the school system’s goals, objectives, and programs.

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