HEWLETT-WOODMERE PUBLIC SCHOOLS **Policy #1000**

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to maintain an open dialogue between and among all stakeholders of the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools community. The Board's goal is to remain proactive in keeping the community informed and act expeditiously to meet changing needs.

To this end, the Board establishes the following goals for community relations:

1. to keep the community accurately informed about the District;
2. to understand community attitudes and aspirations for the District;
3. to foster relationships with the parent-teacher associations of the District so that school personnel and parents collaborate to advance the educational welfare of the children;
4. to address all complaints from the public first by the appropriate District staff member, followed, if necessary, by the administrator of the building/unit that is the focus of the complaint. Such complaints may then be carried to the Superintendent of Schools, or her/his designee, and may be reviewed by the Board if the problem cannot be resolved at the Superintendent level;
5. to promote cooperation among the Board, the District and the community;
6. to develop and maintain the confidence of the community in the Board and the District staff; and stimulate public interest in the District;
7. to facilitate dissemination of information to the community concerning issues and activities in the District using not only traditional modes of communication, but also current modes of communication such as the District's website, mobile app, and social networking sites;
8. to support, to the extent permitted by law and consistent with its educational mission, local organizations whose efforts will result in improved educational opportunities for the students of the District;
9. to involve community and business groups in appropriate District activities and events;
10. to disseminate information in languages other than English, when possible;
11. to ascertain the community's opinions and desires concerning the operations of the school system, and to incorporate that knowledge into its actions, where possible;
12. to develop and maintain an effective communications plan.

Notwithstanding the above, the final decisions in these areas will rest with the Board of Education.

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