

Public Expressions of Board Members
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The Board President functions as the official spokesperson for the Board. The Board President may delegate this responsibility to another Board member. A Board member can only represent the Board if they have received official guidance from the Board on the particular matter.

Individual Board members may make public statements on school matters to local media and to local officials and/or State officials.

Individual Board members when communicating on school matters to the media, legislators, other officials, the public, or on social media, must make it clear that their views do not reflect the views of the Board or of the other Board members unless the individual Board member has been designated by the Board at a Board meeting to speak on behalf of the Board.

This policy shall apply to all communications by individual Board members not explicitly designated by the Board to speak on its behalf, except correspondence when the Board member has received official guidance from the Board on the matters discussed in the communication and statements by Board members on non-school matters, providing the statements do not identify the author as a member of the Board.

An individual Board member may express an opinion only if it includes a statement to the effect that the content reflects only his/her opinion and is not the opinion of the full Board.

All news releases pertaining to Corporation activities shall be issued in accordance with established procedures by the Superintendent.

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