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To promote community involvement in the development and implementation of the academic, vocational and extracurricular programs of the schools, the Board of Trustees believes it is the responsibility of the staff to inform the citizens of the Gulfport School District about all aspects of the school program through the news media and presentations to local parent and civic groups.

The Board also believes the parents and other citizens of the District should be involved in the development of the total program of the schools and participate in the activities of the schools in the District. The Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to establish mechanisms that solicit regular input of community, students and staff regarding policies, procedures, programs and operations of the District. Such input will be required for incorporation in the District's five-year strategic plan. The Board will receive a summary of community input.

Citizens of the District will be encouraged to express their ideas, concerns, and judgements about the schools through written suggestions or proposals, presentations at hearings, responses to surveys made through interviews, written instruments, comments at meetings of the Board, and service on citizens' advisory committees.

The staff will be encouraged to take an active part in the affairs of the Gulfport School District community. The staff member, as a citizen of the District, has a direct relationship with the degree of understanding and good will flowing from the schools to the community

Legal Reference: Mississippi Code 1972, § 37-7-337