

Policy

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

The Chester Board of Education believes the schools belong to the people whom they are created to serve. It therefore intends that all reasonable efforts should be exerted to identify the desires of the community and to be responsive through its actions, to those desires. These are the two major ways in which the will of the community shall influence the development of board policies:

- A. Board members themselves will remain mindful that they are elected to represent the people of the district;
- B. All citizens of the district will be encouraged to express ideas, concerns, and judgments about the schools through such means as:
 - 1. Written suggestion(a) or proposal(s);
 - 2. Presentations at hearings;
 - 3. Responses to surveys made through interviews, written instruments, or other means;
 - 4. Comments at meetings of the board; and
 - 5. Service on citizens advisory committees.

In all instances board policy will be followed.

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Key Words

Board of Education Meetings, Inquires, Suggestions, Participation

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1100	Communicating with the public
	*1120	Board of education meetings
	*1200	Participation by the public
	*1220	Ad Hoc committee
	*1312	Community complaints and inquiries
	*2240	Research, evaluation and planning
	*3100	Budget planning, preparation and adoption
	*3570	District records and reports
	*3571.4	Audit
	*6300	Evaluation of the instructional program
	*9323/9324	Agenda preparation/advance delivery of meeting material
	*9326	Minutes

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.