

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS
GOALS**

The Board of Education conducts district affairs by way of a continuing, open dialogue and cooperation between the community and the schools. The Board wishes to maintain its sensitivity to the needs and desires of the Webutuck community concerning its schools.

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

1. to understand community values and its aspirations for its schools;
2. to promote a spirit of cooperation among the Board, the schools and the community;
3. to foster a chain of command to resolve concerns at the lowest possible level;
4. to handle all complaints from the public through the appropriate Principal in charge of the school closest to the complainant issue. Additionally, such complaint(s) may be carried to the Superintendent of Schools and/or Board if the problem cannot be resolved at that level;
5. to develop and maintain the confidence of the community in the Board and the school district staff;
6. to expand the public's understanding of and involvement in every aspect of the school system, and to stimulate public interest in the schools;
7. to keep the community accurately informed about its schools;
8. to facilitate the regular dissemination of information to the community concerning issues and activities in the district;
9. to encourage involvement of the parent-teacher association so that school personnel and parents cooperate to advance the educational welfare of the children of the district;
10. to build relationships with local businesses, local government, health care, social service, civic and community organizations to share resources in order to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of all of our students.
11. to develop and maintain an effective means of communication with the people of the district.

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

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