

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS

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	909. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Purpose	It is the policy of the Board that school district officials and municipal officials maintain a close and harmonious association. Such liaison is requisite for dealing with school/community concerns and issues in an efficient manner while assuring prudent expenditure of tax dollars.
Authority	<p>The Board recognizes that its authority derives directly from the General Assembly, but it also is aware that the municipality and the school district must work together for the welfare of the residents.[1]</p> <p>The Board, as an independent body, has no statutory relationship to other local governmental bodies. However, the Board may cooperate with local government units and other appropriate organizations in matters that affect district responsibilities. Such organizations may include, but not be limited to, health agencies, public libraries, museums, law enforcement agencies and fire departments, township supervisors, borough council, planning commissions and the courts.</p> <p>In matters affecting the budgets of such agencies, the Board shall neither seek special consideration nor assume costs that properly fall outside its jurisdiction, except as prescribed by law.</p> <p>The Board advocates joint expenditures of district and municipal or county funds to provide facilities from which the entire community may derive benefits. In accordance with this policy, the Board may, as either opportunity or need arises, and as it is entitled to do by law, enter into joint action agreements with the local municipal governing body in acquiring or leasing, improving, equipping, operating or maintaining such jointly used facilities, and in the sharing and purchasing of resources, materials and equipment to ensure access to facilities and essential services, enhance operational efficiency, reduce costs, increase the safety of all members of the community, and/or improve access to materials and equipment for the benefit of the community. [2][3][4][5][6]</p>

Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent and each law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over school property shall enter into, and update on a biennial basis, a memorandum of understanding, which shall be developed and executed in accordance with state law and regulations. [7][8][9][10]</p>
Guidelines	<p>To maintain cooperation with the municipality for fiscal and facilities planning, the Board President or designee will meet periodically with municipal officials to discuss issues of common interest.</p> <p><u>Partnership with Fire Fighting and Safety Agencies</u></p> <p>The policy of the district is to foster and promote mutual cooperation between district personnel and fire fighting and safety agencies and officers, as well as to safeguard the rights of students and ensure the safety of persons and property in the community.</p> <p>To promote this policy, the district shall work collaboratively with fire fighting and safety agencies to employ their expertise as resources on topics related to fire fighting and safety.</p> <p><u>Partnership with County Health and Welfare Departments and Related Agencies</u></p> <p>The Board wishes to foster and promote mutual cooperation between district personnel and county health and welfare departments and related agencies, as well as to safeguard the rights of students and ensure the safety of persons and property in the community.</p> <p>To promote this policy, the district shall work collaboratively with county health and welfare departments and related agencies to employ their expertise as resources on issues related to health and welfare departments and related agencies.</p> <p>Legal References</p> <p><u>1. PA Const. Art. III Sec. 14</u></p> <p><u>2. 24 P.S. 502</u></p> <p><u>3. 24 P.S. 521</u></p> <p><u>4. 24 P.S. 706</u></p> <p><u>5. 24 P.S. 775</u></p> <p><u>6. 24 P.S. 790</u></p> <p><u>7. 24 P.S. 1306.2-B</u></p> <p><u>8. 24 P.S. 1319-B</u></p> <p><u>9. 22 PA Code 10.11</u></p> <p>10. Pol. 805.1</p> <p><u>22 PA Code 10.24</u></p> <p><u>35 Pa. C.S.A. 7701</u></p> <p>Pol. 613</p> <p>Pol. 805</p>