

K: General Public Relations

The Divide County School Board, in an effort to ensure and enhance the possibilities for excellence in the education of children in a free society, presents and endorses this statement of policy on school-community relations because of its conviction that (a) the public schools belong in every sense to the people who created them by a consent, and support them by taxation; (b) the schools are only as strong as the intelligent and informed support of the people of the community, and never any stronger; and (c) the support of the people must be based upon their knowledge of, their understanding about, and their participation in the aims and efforts of the school system.

The Board therefore affirms its commitment to:

1. Use available channels of communication in informing districts citizens about the policies, programs, problems, and planning of the school system.
2. Recognize the right of the news media to inquire, research, and report to the public, information about the school system; and to assist the media in so doing.
3. Conduct all of its business in public sessions except for those matters to be discussed in properly convened executive sessions in accordance with law.
4. Invite and encourage the advice and counsel of district citizens and to facilitate this by scheduling public hearings when required.

Cross Ref:	Policy BDA Policy KADA	Types of Meetings Citizen's Advisory Committees
Legal Ref:	NDCC 15-1-15-02 NDCC 15.1-15-06 NDCC 15-1-14-03 NDCC 44-04-19.1 20 USC 1232g(B)(4)(A)	First-Year Teachers - Evaluation - Renewal and Non-renewal of Contracts Contracts- Contemplated nonrenewal- Hearing Evaluation, renewal, or discharge of superintendents of school districts Open records and open meetings - Exemptions for attorney work product, attorney consultation, and negotiation preparation Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

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