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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Community Relation Goal Policy Revision

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Original Policy (KA)

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Pros & Cons

This policy clearly states the district's intentions to inform the community of all their policies, include them in all monthly meetings except for executive meetings, and touch on the method of funding for all public school institutions (such as the Adopt-A-School Program), but it should also include the scholars, who are major stakeholders as well. Though, it is an amazing policy when it comes to keeping the public invested in the potential of the district, we should further strengthen the bond by creating opportunities for student collaboration .

Revised Policy

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- ★ To discuss what hinders a scholar from reaching the full potential of their academic success, such as truancy, mental illnesses, terminal illnesses, familial responsibilities, alternative reception of information, and etc.

Why this works?

My revision to this policy ensures accountability and encourages more communication between the Board of Trustees and the scholars of their district. It also helps provide support for the students on all levels of their education, while giving their families and their communities the option to weigh in on the solutions.

Recommendations

- Annual Retreat
- Vested partnerships (Policy writing, advocacy groups)
- Paired with a Board member
- Standing meetings for team building

Thank you for your time !

