

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #097
POLICY**

CODE: A23

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VISION

The Barre Unified Union School District (BUUSD) and, if applicable, each member school district within the BUUSD are an integral part of the community. A district's success depends on community support; therefore, a board is in its strongest position when it is engaged with the community. The BUUSD recognizes that community support requires two-way engagement, a dynamic process in which the BUUSD and member school districts contribute to the community and, in turn, benefit from community resources.

In order to build community support, the board will create, with the input from the community, a clearly articulated vision for the school district. The board will adopt a strategic plan and measurable goals to implement the vision, which moves the district toward its goals for student academic progress and wellness and supports continuous improvement. The board will closely monitor progress toward the vision and refine it as necessary.

Creating the Vision

The board will follow an inclusive process to invite and incorporate input into the vision and goals for the school system. The vision will be informed by data and research-based best practices provided by the superintendent.

Implementation

The board will strive to keep the vision at the forefront of all decision-making. The superintendent or designee will assist the board to:

- 1) set measurable goals at least annually and regularly review progress toward those goals;
- 2) ensure there are sufficient resources to effectively implement the strategic plan;
- 3) monitor and report annually student academic and wellness progress and system performance to the community;
- 4) monitor and report annually on general participation rates of diverse student populations in flexible pathways programs, and identify obstacles to student participation;
- 5) formally evaluate the performance of the superintendent annually, based in part on the superintendent's progress toward meeting agreed-upon goals;
- 6) evaluate annually the effectiveness of community engagement and public communication efforts; and
- 7) revisit the vision and strategic plan and make adjustments according to input from the community and the superintendent.