

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

Community participation in the school is essential to promote and maintain a high quality of education for all students.

In addition to electing fellow citizens to represent them on the Board, all citizens may express ideas, concerns and judgments about the school to the administration, the staff, to any appointed advisory bodies, and ultimately to the Board. Ideas should be addressed to the responsible individual in an appropriate fashion.

Residents, may be invited by the Board to act as advisors individually and in groups, in such areas as:

1. clarifying general ideas and attitudes held by residents in regard to the schools;
2. assisting in developing Board policies under which the District is to be managed;
3. assisting in establishing administrative arrangements and regulations designed to help implement these policies;
4. determining the purposes of curriculum and special services to be provided for students;
5. evaluating the extent to which these purposes are being achieved by present policies and/or
6. studying a specific problem or set of closely related problems about which a decision must be made.

The Board gives consideration to the advice it receives from individuals and community groups. Final authority for all decisions rests with the Board.

LEGAL REFS.:       ORC     121.22  
                      OAC     3301-35-02, 3301-35-03, 3301-35-04

CROSS REF.:       AD, Policy on Development of Philosophy of Education  
                      AFA, Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures (Also BK)  
                      BCE, Board Committees  
                      BCF, Advisory Committees to Board  
                      BF, Board Policy Development and Adoption  
                      IF, Curriculum Development