

# POLICY

2003

Community Relations

## **RELATIONS WITH COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS**

The Board of Education recognizes the potential benefits of community and business partnerships with school districts. The Board and district staff shall therefore cooperate with those organizations which may provide support in improving the educational, vocational, counseling, and/or extra-curricular opportunities in the district. Board members shall seek to maintain regular interaction with community and business leadership, both on a formal and informal basis.

Partnerships with these organizations may include mentor and/or apprenticeship programs, pilot projects, grants, off-campus counseling services, and volunteer services, in addition to or as part of the district curriculum.

The Board shall appoint a community-business liaison committee whose duties shall include the following:

1. to investigate all opportunities which may be available to the district through an association with such organizations;
2. to coordinate these organizations' efforts in order to serve the greatest number of district students;
3. to develop guidelines for the implementation of the school-community-business partnership, and suggest curricular and extra-curricular developments as a result of such partnership;
4. to attend appropriate meetings of such organizations to inform them about educational issues and needs of the schools, and to report back to the district about issues of concern to area business and the community; and
5. to seek grants and gifts to the schools which will help improve education in the district.

The liaison committee will report its findings to the Board on a semi-annual basis, and the Superintendent of Schools shall regularly inform the Board of the status of community-business programs in effect in district schools.

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