

9400 BOARD OF EDUCATION/ MEDIA RELATIONS

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of maintaining good relations with the media to effectively communicate with the public.

For every Regular Meeting of the Board of Education and every Special Meeting of the Board, a copy of the agenda and agenda materials will be available in advance to members of the media. Additionally, all reports adopted by the Board shall be considered matters of public information. Reports-in-progress on which the Board has taken no final action shall be released only upon the Board's authority and shall be labeled "working papers".

Extra copies of the agenda and agenda materials will be available at regular and special Board meetings to enable reporters to follow discussion without difficulty.

In order that the Board may transact its business efficiently, questions from the media will not be entertained while meetings are in progress. However, a representative of the Board will be available after each meeting to answer reporters' questions and to clarify points of discussion and action.

The President of the Board or a designated representative shall be the Board's official spokesperson in responding to requests from representatives of the media for information about Board positions on issues. This shall not preclude Board members from expressing their opinions as individuals to the media on any matter of Board business. Members shall make clear that the opinions expressed are their own and not that of the Board.

Representatives of the media who are unable to attend a meeting shall be provided with a summary of Board actions upon request.

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