

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### *Community Schools*

The Board of Education believes that local citizens have a right and a responsibility to be involved in deciding how the educational resources of the community should be used. The goal of community education is to support parental involvement, lifelong learning and educational partnership.

The Board has a long-standing commitment to maximum and efficient use of school facilities and community resources in a cost-effective responsible manner, and has designated the district's schools as "Community Schools," endorsing the principles of community education, including:

1. the cooperative discovery, development and use of the resources of the community as part of the educational facilities of the school with the goal of enriching student performance in the school and ensuring that our youth move into productive futures; and
2. the provision of services to address the interrelated social, physical, cultural and economic needs of the entire community with programs and activities for citizens of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and socio-economic groups operated in partnership with business and industry, human and social service providers, community groups and organizations, and local, state and federal governments.

Integral to the development of educational specifications for the district's schools shall be community use and coordination of youth and community services at each school site.

Cross-ref: 4830.1, District/Community Collaborative Presentations, Programs and Services  
7100, Community Use of Schools

Ref: Education Law §414

Note: Prior policy, Policy Manual, Community Schools (November 19, 1987), revised

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