

SUBJECT: BOCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Board supports the following goals for a community relations program:

- a. Develop and maintain the confidence of the community in the BOCES and its staff
- b. Stimulate public interest in the schools and public understanding of BOCES programs
- c. Discover what people think and what they want to know
- d. Correct erroneous impressions and supply information
- e. Develop effective means of communication with the various publics of the BOCES, the components and the community.

COMMUNICATION WITH COMPONENT DISTRICTS

It is essential that the Board and the District Superintendent keep component boards of education informed as to policies and programs that might affect their educational processes. As much as possible, the District Superintendent and the Board should attempt to provide written and/or oral communication to the superintendents and board members of component districts on any matter that might affect them, including agendas and minutes of the BOCES meetings.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

The Board recognizes the need to keep all employees as fully informed as possible about district policies and programs. Conversely, staff through the District Superintendent, are to keep the Board fully informed of all formal activities dealing with programs which reach groups or individuals outside the supervisory district. This information should be supplied to the Board through the District Superintendent.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY

The staff through the District Superintendent or his/her designee shall inform the community of BOCES activities where appropriate. Communications involving Board policy shall have prior approval by the District Superintendent or his/her designee.

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