

## **KCB**

## **Community Involvement in Decision Making**

The Board of Education endorses the concept that community participation in the affairs of the school is essential if the school system and the community are to maintain mutual confidence and respect and work together to improve the academic achievement of students in the district. It, therefore, intends to exert every effort to identify the desires and concerns of the community and to be responsive, through its actions, to those desires and concerns.

All citizens of the district will be encouraged to express their ideas, concerns, and judgments about the school through such means as written suggestions or proposals; presentations at hearings; responses to surveys made through interviews, written instruments or other means; comments at meetings of the Board, service on citizens' advisory committees, participation in focus groups and involvement in community engagement processes.

The advice and concerns expressed by the school community will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such input, the first concern will be for the educational program as it affects students. The Board's final decision may depart from the views expressed by some members of the school community when in the judgment of the Board such views are not consistent with the good educational practice or within reach of available financial resources.

It is the intent of the Board that the School Advisory Committee shall be the primary vehicle for providing community involvement in the decision making process.

CROSS REFS:           BDF, Advisory Committees  
                          BEDH, Public Participation at School Board Meetings

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