

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Board of Education recognizes the schools belong to the public and acknowledges the public is entitled to be well-informed about the policies, programs and operations of their school system. Further, the Board recognizes that a school district operates most successfully with the support and participation of the communities it serves and that such support is dependent upon the maintenance of positive public opinion.

Because positive public opinion is based on accurate information, and an understanding of the issues which affect the decision-making process, the Waterloo Schools will maintain an ongoing program of two-way communication which will strive to:

- Provide an accurate, comprehensive flow of information about the policies, programs, progress and problems of the school system to all of the District's varied publics, both internal and external.
- Promote public interest and citizen participation in the programs, activities and operation of the District.
- Assess public knowledge, attitudes, opinions and concerns about the District.
- Provide access to school district records in compliance with the Open Records Law.
- Build support for and pride in public education in general and the Waterloo Schools in particular.

Every District employee has a responsibility to promote good community relations for the Waterloo Schools.

Legal Ref.: Iowa Code §§ 21.4; 22; 279.8.

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208.0 Board Committees

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