

**RELATIONSHIP WITH PARENTS
AND THE COMMUNITY**

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The school board may set goals and standards for school-community relations and may regularly evaluate its relationship with the public and its programs for maintaining open channels of communication and good relations with parents, community organizations, the businesses and the community at large.

The board believes that the district is an integral part of the community and that community support is necessary for the district's operation and achievement of success. The board and district staff recognizes that the community support is based on mutual exchange, a dynamic process in which the district contributes to the community's success and, in turn, benefits from the community's resources. School-Community Relations is essential to securing public input and public support for educational programs.

Through its School-Community Relations programs, the board will encourage the community to take an active interest in the schools and participate in planning activities; to place a high priority on education and make funds available for an educational system that support learning for all children; and to establish partnerships with the schools to enhance learning opportunities.

Community awareness of public meetings of the School Board and an opportunity to be heard at such meetings are necessary components of positive school-community relations policy. Notice of meetings is governed by NCGS 143-318.12, and public participation in meetings is encouraged and welcomed by the School Board.