

COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS

The Board of Education (the Board) strives to conduct Bethlehem Central School District (the District) affairs through a continuing, open dialogue between the community and the schools. Given District residents' high level of interest in the education of children, the Board wishes to maintain its high level of sensitivity to the needs and desires of the community and to act expeditiously to meet changing needs and conditions.

To this end, the Board establishes the following goals for community involvement:

1. to provide a variety of means whereby residents of the District may have the opportunity to contribute their best thinking to the orderly planning of education for children in the District;
2. to keep the community accurately informed about its schools;
3. to understand community attitudes and aspirations for the schools;
4. to encourage contributions from the parent-teacher organizations of the District so that school personnel and parents cooperate to advance the educational welfare of the children;
5. to handle all complaints from the public by the administrative officer in charge of the unit of the District organization closest to the complainant. However, such complaints may be carried to the superintendent and/or the Board if the problem cannot be resolved at that level;
6. to promote a spirit of cooperation among the Board, the schools, and the community;
7. to develop and maintain the confidence of the community in the Board and the District staff;
8. to expand the public understanding of all aspects of the school system and stimulate public interest in the District;
9. to facilitate dissemination of information to the community concerning issues and activities in the schools using not only traditional modes of communication, such as a District newsletter, but also current modes of digital communication;
10. to ascertain the community's opinions and desires with respect to the operations of the District, and to incorporate that knowledge into its actions;
11. to develop arrangements among civic and community organizations for sharing of resources, especially in the creation of programs designed to benefit students; and
12. to develop and maintain an effective means of communication with the people of the district.

Notwithstanding the above, the final decisions in these areas will rest with the Board.

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