

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING**

The Board believes that community participation in the schools is essential to maintain mutual confidence and respect and to improve the quality of education for all students.

Community participation is important both at the Board and school levels. The Board shall seek to involve the community through established policies governing public participation at Board meetings, advisory committees and other appropriate means. Building administrators are encouraged to establish methods to involve the community in decision-making processes which are consistent with Board policies.

The Board is ultimately responsible for the formulation of policies involving the curriculum instruction and the overall school program. The Board reserves the right to make the final decision regarding any such policies, while taking into account the views and suggestions from community members and others.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001 et seq.

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