

Harney Education Service District

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Board-Staff Communications

The Board desires to maintain open channels of communication between itself and the staff. The basic line of communication will, however, be through the superintendent.

Staff Communications to the Board

All formal communications or reports to the Board or any Board committee from administrators, teachers or other staff members will be submitted through the superintendent. This procedure will not be construed as denying the right of any employee to address the Board about issues which are neither part of an active administrative regulation, nor disruptive to the operation of the district. Staff members are invited to Board meetings, which provide an opportunity to observe the Board's deliberations on matters of staff concern.

Board Communications to Staff

All official Board communications, policies and directives of staff interest and concern will be communicated to staff members through the superintendent. The superintendent will provide appropriate communication to keep staff fully informed of the Board's priorities, concerns and actions.

Visits to Sites

Site visits by Board members will be regarded as informal expressions of interest in ESD programs and services and not as "inspections" or visits for supervisory or administrative purposes. Official visits by Board members will be carried on only under Board authorization and with the full knowledge of staff, including the superintendent, administrators and other supervisors.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

[OAR 581-024-0245](#)

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984).

Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

Lebanon Education Association/OEA v. Lebanon Community School District, 22 PECBR 323 (2008).

Cross Reference(s):

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