

Ontario School District 8

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Community Involvement in Decision Making

The Board endorses the concept that community participation in district affairs is essential if the district and the community are to maintain mutual confidence and respect and work together to improve the quality of education for students. It therefore intends to exert every effort to identify the community's desires and to be responsive, through its actions, to those desires.

All district citizens will be encouraged to express their ideas, concerns, and judgments about the district through such means as:

1. Written suggestion(s) or proposal(s);
2. Presentations at hearings;
3. Responses to surveys made through interviews, written instruments or other means;
4. Comments at Board meetings; and
5. Service on citizens' advisory committees, school improvement teams and/or site councils.

Individuals may participate in such areas as the following:

1. Clarifying general ideas and attitudes held by residents in regard to the district;
2. Developing Board policies under which the district is to be managed;
3. Establishing administrative arrangements and regulations designed to help implement these policies;
4. Determining the purposes of courses of study and special services to be provided for students;
5. Evaluating the extent to which these purposes are being achieved by present policies;
6. Solving a specific problem or set of closely related problems about which a decision must be made.

The public advice will be given careful consideration. In evaluating such advice, the first concern will be for the educational program as it affects students. The Board's final decisions may depart from public advice when, in the judgment of staff and the Board, such advice is not consistent with goals adopted by the Board or with good educational practice or within available financial resources.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.125](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)