

Silver Falls School District 4J

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Community Involvement in Decision Making

The Board endorses the concept that community participation in school affairs is essential if the school system 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 desires of the community and to be responsive, through its actions, to those desires.

All citizens of the district will be encouraged to express their ideas, concerns and judgments about the schools 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 meetings of the Board; and (5) service on citizens' advisory committees, school improvement teams and/or 21st Century School Councils.

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.125](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

Cross References:

BCF – Advisory Committees to the Board

BDDH – Public Participation in Board Meetings

BDE – Public Hearings

IFCA – 21st Century Schools Councils