

## Community Involvement in Decision-Making

All citizens will be encouraged to express ideas, concerns and judgments about the schools to the administration, the staff, to any appointed advisory bodies and to the Board.

Residents who are specially qualified because of interest, training, experience or personal characteristics shall be encouraged to assume an active role in district affairs. From time to time such persons may be invited by the Board to act as advisors individually or in groups in such areas as the following:

1. Clarifying general ideas and attitudes held by residents in regard to the district;
2. Developing broad 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

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 329.125](#)  
[ORS 332.107](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

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