

## **BHC – BOARD-EMPLOYEE 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 of Schools following the school chain of command.

Staff Communications to the Board - All official communications or reports to the Board or any Board committee from principals, supervisors, teachers, or other staff members shall be submitted through the Superintendent.

Board Communications to Staff - All official communications, policies, and directives of staff interest and concern will be communicated to staff members through the Superintendent, and the Superintendent will employ all such media as are appropriate to keep staff fully informed of the Board's problems, concerns, and actions.

Visits to Schools - Individual Board members interested in visiting a school or classroom(s) will inform the Superintendent of such visits and make arrangements for visitations through the School Principal. Such visits shall be regarded as informal expressions of interest in school affairs and not as "inspections" or visits for supervisory or administrative purposes. Official visits by Board members will be carried out only under Board authorization and with the full knowledge of the Superintendent and Principals. This policy does not apply to Board members visiting a school as a parent of a student in attendance.

Social Interaction - Staff and Board members share a keen interest in the schools and in education generally, and it is to be expected that, when they meet at social affairs and other functions, they will informally discuss such matters as educational trends, issues, and innovations and general District problems. However, individual Board members have no special authority excepting when they are convened at a legal meeting of the Board or are vested with special authority by Board action.

### Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

Handbook (None)

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PREVIOUS POLICY: None