

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Policy

It is the policy of the Canaan School District to encourage the involvement of the community in its schools.

Implementation

An effective community outreach program is a necessary component of a school system's organization and operation. Therefore, the Board will provide the means necessary to develop and implement such a program.

The school system's community outreach program should:

1. create a planned, systematic, two-way communications process between the Board and the school community;
2. encourage a better understanding of the objectives, accomplishments and needs of the school system within the community;
3. create opportunities for school involvement through volunteerism, business/organizational partnerships, sponsorships, internships and other joint projects;
4. use a variety of media including but not limited to meetings, letters and e-mail, circulars, web sites, seminars, publications, communications media, and personal contacts;
5. provide the channels necessary for resolving grievances and eliminating misunderstandings;
6. inform concerned persons as to their rights, privileges and responsibilities.

The Board delegates to the Principal the responsibility for developing a community relations program which conforms with the above principles.

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Legal Reference(s):	16 V.S.A. §165 (School Quality Standards)
Cross Reference:	Local Action Plan (G8) Parental Involvement (H2) Visits to Schools (H5) Annual School Reports (H6)