

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Goals: School-community relations is the cooperative development and maintenance of efficient two-way channels of information and understanding between the school and the community. Some of the major purposes of school-community relations include the following:

- A. Informing the public about the work of the schools.
- B. Improving the partnership concept of uniting parents and teachers.
- C. Developing awareness of the importance of education in a democracy.
- D. Integrating the home, school, and community in improving educational opportunities for all students.
- E. Correcting misunderstandings as to the aims, objectives, and work of the school.
- F. Making school facilities and personnel available for community use, within the regulations determined by the Board of Education.
- G. Making use of community resources in carrying out the educational program.

The Board of Education believes that the quality of a school program is related to public understanding of what schools are attempting to do.

The District's program of school-community relations shall be a responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools and the building principals, under the guidance and policies of the Board of Education. As part of this program, Board policies shall be reported and interpreted to the staff and to various governmental agencies, and an active and comprehensive informational program shall be conducted throughout the community to promote widespread understanding of the school program.

### **Agencies of Communication**

It is recognized that there are many and varied agencies of communication involved in the total school-community relationship. These include the Board of Education; students; personnel of the School District; written communications and publications; agencies of the community such as the fire department, police department, post office; private enterprises; city and county officials; voluntary organizations such as the Chamber of

Commerce and service clubs; parent-teacher organizations; radio and television stations; and newspapers.

### **Cooperation with Other Agencies**

Whenever feasible and possible, the School District shall cooperate in the use of buildings and grounds with community programs, such as recreational programs, health clinics, conventions; with university programs such as adult classes; and with other public agencies.