PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

The Board of Trustees supports and encourages the development and formation of parent/community advisory committees both District-wide and school-wide for the purposes of:

- 1. Soliciting the interest of citizens in educational affairs and the operation of individual schools and the School District as a whole
- 2. Involving citizens in seeking solutions to problems that affect them and further involving citizens in arriving at important decisions confronting their schools
- 3. Improving communications and understanding of the schools in the home and community in order that schools may better meet the needs and desires of the community served

Advisory committees should be formed only when there is a definite function to be performed, and this function should be communicated to the committee members when the committee is formed.

The Board and the staff shall give substantial weight to the advice that they receive from individuals and community groups interested in the schools, especially those individuals and groups that they have invited or created to advise them regarding selected problems, but the Board and staff shall use their best judgment in arriving at decisions.

The Superintendent will develop administrative regulations for the organization and operation of parent/community advisory committees.

Legal Reference: Education Code 35169 Advisory Committee

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