

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Policy 801-R (previously 1001-R)

Public Communications

In order to provide full, objective, and timely information to the public about the programmes and policies of the school district, the following items shall be available on a regular basis:

1. A bi-annual flyer from the Board ("Richmond Schools").
2. Minutes of Board meetings - distributed to all district schools and to the office of the Richmond Teachers' Association on a regular basis, and available to the public on request.
3. Notice of meetings and meeting agendas - each year a schedule of regular Board meetings is announced in the press. Agendas are posted for public information and are distributed to the public at Board meetings.
4. School brochures - published from time to time by individual schools.
5. Course selection booklet distributed annually to all students enrolled in the 9th to 13th year of an educational program of the community.
6. "Working With Your Schools" calendar, distributed annually to the community.
7. A school-based newsletter sent to parents of the catchment areas on a regular basis.

Parental Concerns

1. It shall be determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Education (Richmond), if possible, that all established avenues of communication have been exhausted prior to receipt of an individual Board member's request to place a parental concern on the agenda for consideration of the Board of Education (Richmond).
2. From time to time, the Board shall establish an appropriate procedure to deal with specific problems where no direction is given through existing policies and/or regulations of the Board.
3. An appropriate ad hoc committee, with public membership if required, may be established to assist in the resolve of specific issues in order that the Board may effect appropriate solutions.