

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

## **Policy 802 (previously 1002)**

### **Citizens' Involvement in Decision-Making**

The Board of Education (Richmond) believes that the most desirable form of support that a school can have is a well informed community which participates in its programmes and activities.

The Board of Education (Richmond) is a public body, and its regular and special meetings are open to the public. The Board encourages public participation by providing notice of regular meetings, and by providing time on the meeting agenda to hear delegations and to hold question periods as necessary. In addition, minutes of regular and special Board meetings are available to the public.

The Board is aware that the schools belong to the people, who created them by taxation and consent. The Board also believes that the schools will only be as strong or as successful as the informed support of the people permits them to be. To this end, the Board shall approve procedures whereby it can solicit the participation of the citizens of the district in the decision-making process.