

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

### **Policy 802.5 (previously 1002.5)**

#### **School Planning Councils**

The Board of Education (Richmond) recognizes that the purpose of School Planning Councils is to involve parents fully and meaningfully in planning for improved student learning.

The School Planning Council is an advisory body. The major responsibility of School Planning Councils is to consult with the school community in developing, monitoring and reviewing school plans for improving student achievement. It is important that the School Planning Council be proactive in reaching out to all members of the school community. The school community consists of all parents, students, teachers, support staff and administrators connected to that school. School plans should reflect the characteristics, values and needs of the school community.

School District No. 38 (Richmond) has a highly regarded and expected tradition of inclusion in all decision-making matters by the employee partner groups, parent associations, student representatives and other community groups. It is fully expected that School Planning Councils in Richmond will operate within that tradition.

Pursuant to the School Act, the Board of Education (Richmond) supports the establishment of a School Planning Council at each elementary and secondary school for the purpose of representing the school community in the process of the development of the annual School Improvement Plan for the continuous improvement of student achievement.