

CLASSIFICATION: Community Relations**ADOPTED: 12/13/95****REVISED:****SUBJECT: Concepts and Roles****PAGE: 1 of 1**

The County Board of Education recognizes that public support is essential in providing quality public education. The community, including parents, students, organizations, the media, and other community agencies, should be able to develop an understanding about the public school system through open and clear channels of communication. Information is accessible to the public as permitted by law on the current services, programs, and activities of the County Superintendent of Schools.

Sound community relations is not merely reporting and interpreting facts. Rather, it is the pursuit of informed cooperative participation in which parents, community members, the County Board of Education, the County Superintendent of Schools and his/her employees perform their respective roles in view of the best educational interests of the students.

The County Board of Education:

- C Identifies and communicates future trends impacting education.
- C Establishes an awareness of the community's various attitudes toward the kinds of educational services, programs, and facilities to be provided for the students of the county.
- C Articulates constituents' needs, desires, and concerns to the County Superintendent of Schools.
- C Receives public input regarding educational issues at regular meetings of the County Board of Education.

The County Superintendent of Schools has the primary role to provide the community with timely and understandable information and interpretation about the San Diego County Office of Education, its mission and goals, mandates responsibilities, the reasons for its services, programs, and activities, and the results obtained.

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