

BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

Members of the Board of Education have legal authority for the conduct of the District schools only when acting as a body in a properly convened session. Board members acting as individuals have no authority over personnel or school. They shall neither direct nor request that employees and/or officers of the District perform their jobs or other tasks, either in oral or written communications, unless a duly approved resolution of the Board of Education directs them to do so.

Members of the Board are free to speak to individuals on school business issues outside of Board meetings, but such public expression is not to be construed as Board policy. Information from executive sessions must remain confidential at all times, unless release is appropriately authorized. The Board will not be bound in any way by any individual's statement or action unless the Board, through an adopted policy or by a majority vote of Board membership, has delegated this authority to the individual member.

When exercising their authority and individual rights, members of the Board are asked to be mindful of the impact their actions may have upon the mission of the Board and the operation of the School District.

School Visits by Individual Board Members

Whenever possible, advance notice of school visits by individual Board of Education members shall be given to the building principal. Unless provided with authority of the Board to represent the Board, individual Board members have no more authority than other individual citizens.

When a Board member makes such a visit to a District school, he/she must notify the principal upon entering the building in the same manner as every visitor to a school building and follow all other procedures for visitors. Prior to such a visit, the Board member should contact the Superintendent of Schools, as he/she may either add some suggestions to make the Board member's visit more meaningful or notify other Board members who might also like to observe a school program. Any concerns or opinions of the visiting Board members related to the educational program in individual school buildings shall be directed to the Superintendent by the affected employee and the visiting Board member. When visiting schools, Board members are not to accept food service meals without paying, roam freely on their own nor to engage in

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