

**Instruction**

The School Board desires to make its finest contribution to education in this community through its relationship with the instructional program. In this endeavor the Board will support and supplement the efforts of the instructional staff to the greatest extent possible.

Fine teachers, administrators, and other instructional personnel need several kinds of important assistance from laypersons. Most importantly, the staff needs to know that citizens expect their children and youth to learn. Accordingly, the Board establishes Strategic Planning Goals for the schools and approves policies to achieve these goals.

It is recognized that "how school is to be taught" is the prerogative and province of the professional staff. The Board's contribution to this operation can best be made by employing capable teachers and other instructional staff, by providing needed equipment and materials for instruction, and by taking such other facilitating action as may be appropriate and necessary. The Board is interested, also, in supporting the staff's continuing efforts to improve the instructional program toward the end that quality education will be available for all.

Finally, and of extreme importance, the Board requires staff to present it with evidence of the achievement, or lack of achievement, of all students in the light of the goals of the schools. The Board will report results to its constituency; unfavorable results may provide arguments for popular support for needed school improvements. It is clear that factual evidence of the productivity of the schools is the Board's best approach for countering criticism of the educational system and for fostering approval.

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