

Community Relations

News Media Relations

Recognizing that an open relationship should exist between school administrators who are charged with the responsibility of conducting public business, and the news media who has the responsibility of reporting the actions of government to citizens, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to provide to the members of the news media information which is a matter of record and public information.

The Superintendent of Schools will refer members of the press, television, and radio stations to the administrator directly responsible for the information they seek, when appropriate.

Information released to the media shall be that which is public information as covered by statute. It is recognized that there is information of a confidential nature which shall not be released, such as information concerning personnel, grievances, negotiations, court actions and special placement of students. Information provided to the media should be based on the best information available. If there is an ongoing investigation, the police department or emergency agency involved should be contacted prior to the release of information.

Administrators may release information which has been previously generated. This does not include, however, generating new information at the request of a member of the press. All communications by school officials to the press shall be "on the record." Press releases are to indicate the administrator's name and title.

The principal has the right to restrict interaction with students on school property if he/she deems it interferes or disrupts the educational process.

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