

POLICY E-304

COMMUNICATIONS (FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

The Department shall encourage and support the public's participation in educational endeavors in such a manner that contributes to the accomplishment of the strategic plan goals. The Department shall have and enforce procedures that, within the bounds of Department policy, both encourage and manage the presence and involvement of parents, community members and the public in the schools.

Rationale: The responsible use of volunteer help as well as effective communication with the public supports program and service delivery and will assist the Department in achieving its Mission. The Board of Education ("Board") recognizes that a child's growth and educational success are responsibilities and goals shared by the Department of Education ("Department"), communities, schools and families. It follows that achievement of these goals depends on the establishment of a broad array of informed partnerships among stakeholders that address the strengths and needs of all students.

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