

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING
School Based Management

The Board believes that community participation in the affairs of schools is essential if the school district and the community are to maintain mutual confidence and respect and are to work together to improve the quality of education for all pupils.

The Board also believes that effective citizen participation cannot be obtained if citizens may participate in decision making only at the district level. To respond fully to the needs and concerns of community groups individual schools must work closely with their own school communities.

The individual school should be the basic unit where decisions affecting education are made and community participation in decision making must be centered around them. For example, it is in the school that children succeed or fail educationally and it is in the school that participation in the establishment of educational goals, objectives, programs and the evaluation of results is most meaningful. Therefore, the Board authorizes and encourages the establishment of school advisory committees for individual schools.

School advisory committees will not replace parent-teacher organization and they are not intended to substitute for individual communication of parents with faculty, the school principal and other administrators.

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