

**COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

The Board of Trustees appreciates the importance of community involvement and therefore shall strive to keep the community informed of developments within the school system in timely and understandable ways.

The Superintendent or designee shall use all available means of communication to keep the public aware of the goals, programs, achievements and needs of our schools. Members of the community shall have opportunities to become involved in the schools and to express their interests and concerns.

The District shall seek to communicate in ways that accommodate the needs of all members of the public, including the visually or hearing impaired, those who do not understand English and those who do not read.

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)  
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)  
(cf. 9321- Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)*

**Mass Mailings or Distributions**

The Board recognizes that state law prohibits mass mailings or distributions at public expense which aggrandize elected officers. The name, signature or photograph of an elected District officer may be included in such materials only as permitted by the Code of Regulations, Title 2, 18901.

In order to promote open communication between Board members and the public, District newsletters and other mass mailings shall include a roster of all Board members' names in accordance with law.

*Legal Reference:*  
EDUCATION CODE  
35172 Promotional activities  
GOVERNMENT CODE  
82041.5 Mass mailing  
89001 Newsletter or mass mailing  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2  
18901 Mass mailings sent at public expense