



Turtle River School Division

BOARD POLICY #14 Community Engagement

In an effort to encourage community engagement, the Board will develop and implement the following strategies to enhance communication and consultation with communities, ratepayers, and the citizens of the School Division.

- Developing formal connections with community, with government, and with other relevant agencies and organizations in order to gain support for the achievement of Board goals for the Division. The Board will share information, proactively identify issues of importance, and work collaboratively to build positive relationships.
- Making all reasonable efforts to identify the desires of the community and to be responsive, within fiscal capacity, to those desires. There are two major ways in which the will of the residents shall influence the development of Board policies.
 1. The electors of the School Division are responsible for electing Board members to represent the interests of the Division.
 2. All citizens of the Division will be encouraged to express ideas, concerns, and opinions about the schools through such means as:
 - written suggestions or proposals;
 - presentations at hearings or Board meetings;
 - responses to surveys;
 - attendance at open meetings of the Board; and
 - active involvement with their respective schools' Parent Advisory Councils or their equivalent.
- Keeping the public informed of the Board's and Division's challenges, deliberations, policies and actions by encouraging public attendance at all meetings with the exception of in-camera meetings.
- Designating a Board spokesperson who will endeavour to be current on all matters of Board governance and policy. In most cases this will be the Board Chair or the Chair's designate.
- Authorizing the Superintendent or their designate to act as the primary spokesperson on operational or administrative matters.