

NEWS MEDIA SERVICES AT BOARD MEETINGS

The board believes that one of its paramount responsibilities is to keep the public informed of the operations, programs, progress, and problems of the public schools. Consequently, board meetings are open to the press and public. In the event that representatives of the news media are unable to attend a meeting, upon request the superintendent shall provide a summary of important board actions.

All reports approved by the board shall be a matter of official record and, upon request, will be made available to the press or other members of the public by the superintendent. No report-in-progress, including all of those on which the board has taken no final action, shall be released by any committee or by any board, staff, or committee member unless the board specifically authorizes its release as a "tentative report".

When individual board members receive requests from news media representatives for information about board meetings, it is recommended that all members shall refer the inquiries to the board chair or superintendent who shall be public spokesperson for the board.