**SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY** *Policy Code:* **5000**

The board recognizes that the public schools are an integral part of the community and that the public has a vested interest in having scholars develop into productive members of the workforce and of society. The board encourages the community to be involved in the school and to assist the school in the goal of providing every scholar with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education.

Each year the board will ensure that the report card issued for the school by the State Board of Education receives widespread distribution to the local press or to other local channels of news and information. In addition, the school will publish on its website all information required by law.

1. **Policies**

In making policy decisions, the board will keep in mind its commitment to providing all scholars in our community the opportunity to obtain a sound basic education.

The board’s commitment to the wider community is expressed in various policies that address the relationship between the school and the community, such as:

1. Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002);
2. Title I Parent and Family Engagement (policy 1320/3560);
3. Responding to Complaints (policy 1742/5060);
4. Public Participation at Board Meetings (policy 2310);
5. Public Records – Retention, Release, and Disposition (policy 5070/7350);
6. School Volunteers (policy 5015);
7. Compliance with the Open Meetings Law (policy 2320);
8. Registered Sex Offenders (policy 5022);
9. Distribution and Display of Non-School Material (policy 5210);
10. Community Use of Facilities (policy 5030); and
11. Visitors to the School (policy 5020).
12. **School Administrators**

The executive director and principal ~~and other school administrators~~ shall:

1. demonstrate a commitment to working with the community;
2. identify appropriate opportunities for community input;
3. communicate to the public the goals and objectives of the school and the progress of the school in meeting those goals and objectives; and
4. provide the public with NERSBA progress and performance reports as required by state and federal law.

Legal References: Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 6301; G.S. 115C-238.66(11); *Leandro v. State*, 346 N.C. 336 (1997)

Cross References: Board Authority and Duties (policy 1010), Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002), Title I Parent and Family Engagement (policy 1320/3560), Compliance with the Open Meetings Law (policy 2320), School Volunteers (policy 5015), Visitors to the School (policy 5020), Registered Sex Offenders (policy 5022), Community Use of Facilities (policy 5030), Public Records – Retention, Release, and Disposition (policy 5070/7350), Distribution and Display of Non-School Material (policy 5210)

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