

POLICY: 904

NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS

The board recognizes the value of and supports open, fair and honest communication with the news media. The board will maintain a cooperative relationship with the news media. As part of this cooperative relationship, the board and the media will develop a means for sharing information while respecting each party's limitations.

Members of the news media are encouraged and welcome to attend open board meetings. The board president is the spokesperson for the board, and the superintendent is the spokesperson for the school district. It is the responsibility of the board president and superintendent to respond to inquiries from the news media about the school district.

Members of the news media seeking information about the school district will direct their inquiries to the superintendent. The superintendent/designee will accurately and objectively provide the facts and board positions in response to inquiries from the news media about the school district.

Building and district staff interviewed by media shall notify the superintendent's office.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.4; 22; 279.8 (2009).

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