

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The Board of Education believes that the Board of Education and school staff should welcome and respond to concerns and complaints from the public. A concern is defined as “a cause of anxiety or worry.” A complaint is defined as “a statement that a situation is unsatisfactory or unacceptable.” For the purposes of this policy, the terms are used interchangeably and the process for resolving concerns or complaints is identical.

The Board of Education relies on its teachers, staff, and administrators to resolve such concerns or complaints of the public. It is the policy of the District to provide for such resolutions first at the level most directly involved and in an informal manner, whenever possible. Further, if such resolution cannot be accomplished, procedures shall be available for review at the highest administrative level with an ultimate opportunity for appeal to the Board of Education.

Nothing in this policy or its implementing procedures is intended to supersede timelines or procedures specified in other policies of the District or in other applicable legally-mandated timelines or processes.

Legal Ref: 118.13, WSS; PI 9, WAC

Cross Ref: 160 Board of Education Member Authority; 161 Board of Education Member Code of Conduct; 165 Board of Education Member Code of Ethics; 361 Selection of Instructional Materials and Resources; 361.2, Library Media Center Materials Selection and Reconsideration; 871 Rule Procedure for Handling Complaints

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