

# ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 9.04 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

The Board recognizes the value of broad citizen involvement with the program and operations of the Milwaukee Public Schools. This policy statement reflects the intent of the Board to encourage the voluntary involvement of citizens, both as individuals and in groups, to act as advisors and resource people as one significant means in the unending quest to achieve the goal of quality education for all children within the Milwaukee Public Schools. This intent is supported by the following beliefs and principles regarding the importance of citizen involvement within the Milwaukee Public Schools:

(1) That the schools are created and supported by the people of the state and the Milwaukee Public Schools with the expectation that their children will be educated to lead productive and fulfilling lives for themselves and society;

(2) That the school program can better meet the educational needs of children when school personnel recognize that parents and other citizens of the community should serve in a cooperating role of identifying educational needs and the broad goals of achievement for their children;

(3) That citizen involvement can be preventive in nature in that it offers the school a means of anticipating and working toward the solution of problems before they reach crisis proportions;

(4) That community citizens possess the insight, experience, specialization, and interest to anticipate, define, and work toward the solution of problems which confront the schools because their daily experience involves living and working in the community and represents the full spectrum of expertise upon which our society depends;

(5) That the goal of quality education for each individual can best be achieved by utilizing the rich and diverse talents of the people who are the community;

(6) That utilizing the talents of the people in the community to achieve high-quality educational outcomes will contribute toward making the Milwaukee community a more attractive and fulfilling place to live and work;

(7) That active interaction of the community's citizens with their schools is the best example to the student that the school is an integral part of the community and that the community believes in and has serious expectations of the school;

(8) That the commitment and support needed to achieve the goal of quality education for all children is developed by creating broader citizen understanding and involvement in the formulation of the goals, objectives, and programs of the school system.

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