

BOARD RELATIONS WITH THE MEDIA

The Board believes that it has a responsibility to keep the public informed about the operations, programs, progress, and problems of the public schools. Consequently, Board meetings are open to the news media and public. In the event that representatives of the news media are unable to attend a meeting, upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide them a summary of important Board actions.

Public documents, as defined by State statute, will be made available as provided by statute and the school unit's procedures. Requests should be made to the Office of the Superintendent.

The Board by consensus may choose to designate a spokesperson to handle media inquiries on an agreed upon specific topic. When individual Board members receive requests from news media representatives for information or comment, they shall refer such inquiries to the designated person chosen as the public spokesperson for the Board.

Legal Reference: 1 M.R.S.A. § 402

Cross Reference: KI - Visitors to the Schools

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