

**Community Relations****Participation by the Public****School, Community, and Government Organizations**

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education of the Watertown Unified School District to encourage parents, teachers, administrators, and other interested persons in the development of organizations and involvement in community groups and governmental agencies that promote interest in issues of mutual concern.

The Board specifically recognizes the importance of parent/teacher organizations in developing and supporting strong school/community relations and encourages the participation of parent, teachers, and administrators.

Additionally, the Board specifically recognizes the importance of participation and membership in civic, service, and social organizations. The Board supports membership of the WUSD in these organizations including but not limited to Rotary, the Watertown Chamber of Commerce, and Leadership Watertown.

The Board further recognizes the obligations of schools and educators extend, in some context, to almost all areas of local and county government. Therefore, the Board of Education encourages cooperative working relationships between the District and other local, county, and state governmental authorities. The Board, Administration, and District staff members shall strive to maintain positive professional relationships with city, town, and county boards; law enforcement agencies; social welfare agencies; and other local and state authorities. The Board considers interagency cooperation vital to the efficient delivery of governmental services.

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