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**RELATIONS WITH EXTERNAL AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES**

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POLICY:

To best serve the needs of students, parents, and residents of the District, the District will maintain a cooperative relationship with community agencies and authorities concerned with the security, safety, health, and well being of students and staff. Efforts will be made to involve these agencies and authorities in the educational program and to promote better understanding and communication between the District and the agency.

**Governmental Authorities:** The Board will inform the elected and appointed officials of the local and county governmental units of the desire to plan cooperatively for the improvement of services to residents.

**Health Authorities:** The Board will cooperate with the Yamhill County Health Department in developing procedures for the control of communicable disease in the schools and for educating students about appropriate health practices.

**Law Enforcement Authorities:** Cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students, for maintaining a safe environment in the District schools, and for safeguarding all school property. This cooperation must recognize the functions of the schools, the District's legal responsibility for pupils during the school day, and must be in harmony with the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the state.

**Planning Authorities:** The Board will participate in local and state planning, functions that could directly affect district schools and their immediate environment. The Superintendent will undertake action on behalf of the Board to influence matters in the best interests of the students, the schools and the District. The Board and its administrative staff will participate in the planning and execution of all such projects as will be mutually beneficial to serve the residents of the District.

**Child and Family Service Agencies:** To insure that all educational and other services for young children and their families afford the maximum opportunity possible for the personal success of the child and family members, it is the policy of the Board to work closely with these agencies to assure that these services are located as close to the child and the family's community as possible and are coordinated and collaborative to reflect the knowledge that no single system can serve all of the needs of the child and family.

Legal Reference(s):

- [ORS 332.107](#)
- [ORS 329.150](#)
- [ORS 419B.015](#)

Letter Opinion, Office of the Attorney General (August 18, 1986).