

St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 Board of Trustees endorses the following philosophy related to school and community relations:

1. The public schools belong in every sense to the patrons who created them by consent and who support them by taxation.
2. The District and its schools are only as strong as the intelligent and informed support of the patrons in the community. The public has "the right to know".
3. The support of the patrons must be based on their knowledge, understanding, and participation in the District's goals for its public schools.

The Board of Trustees therefore reaffirms and declares its intent:

1. To keep the citizens of the District regularly and thoroughly informed through all the channels of communication regarding all policies, programs, issues, and planning throughout the District, and to carry out this Policy through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent.
2. To invite the advice and counsel of the District patrons at all times, especially at Board meetings.
3. To solicit the sound thinking and studied counsel of patrons through advisory committees selected from the community and appointed by the Board to consider issues vitally affecting the future of the District's students.

**Policy Cross Reference:**

**Legal Reference:**

**Policy History:**

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