

## **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Every reasonable means of communication is encouraged throughout the education community. Nevertheless, an organization must maintain some order and structure to promote efficient and effective communications.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

All official communications or reports to the Board of Trustees from principals, supervisors, teachers, or other staff members shall be submitted through the Superintendent. This shall not deny any staff member's right to appeal to the Board of Trustees from administrative decisions, provided that the Superintendent shall have been notified of the forthcoming appeal and that it is processed according to the applicable procedures for complaints and grievances.

### **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS TO STAFF**

All official communications, policies and directives of staff interest and concern will be communicated to staff members through the Superintendent. The Superintendent will employ all such media as are appropriate to keep staff fully informed of the Board of Trustee's concerns and actions.

### **VISITS TO SCHOOLS**

The Board of Trustees should make a point to visit each school of the District not less than once each school year to examine its condition and needs. Individual Trustees interested in visiting schools should, out of courtesy, make arrangements for visitations through the principals of the various schools. Such visits shall be regarded as informal expressions of interest in school affairs and not as "inspections" or visits for supervisory or administrative purposes.

### **SOCIAL INTERACTION**

Staff and Trustees share a keen interest in the schools and education. When they meet at social affairs and other functions, informal discussion on such matters as educational trends, issues, and innovations and general District problems can be anticipated.

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Board Policy 201.02                      Legal Status of the Board of Trustees

**Legal Reference:**

Idaho Code - §33-501                      Board of Trustees

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