

CHESTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT 24

SECTION: COMMUNITY
TITLE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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910. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Policy Section	Policy Description
1. Purpose	<p>The purpose of community engagement is to create a collaborative environment in which students, parents/guardians, families, residents, businesses, and community organizations are encouraged and invited to be involved stakeholders in the school community. Such engagement strengthens broad-based community support for the Intermediate Unit’s mission, goals, operations, educational programs and services.</p>
2. Definition	<p>Community engagement is defined as an ongoing collaborative process in which the Intermediate Unit works with the public to build understanding, guidance, and active support for the education of students in the community.</p>
3. Authority	<p>The Board endorses the concept that community engagement is essential for the Intermediate Unit, member school districts, and the community to maintain mutual understanding, respect and trust, and to work together to improve the quality of education for students. The Board intends, through this two-way communication, to identify the community's concerns, needs and suggestions, and to be responsive to the community through the Board's actions.</p> <p>The Board also recognizes that the public offers resources of training and experience useful to Intermediate Unit programs. The quality of the Intermediate Unit’s operations, programs and services can be strengthened when these resources are used in an advisory capacity.</p> <p>The Board, with assistance from the administration, shall determine the appropriate strategy when utilizing the community engagement process.</p> <p>The Board, in consultation with the Executive Director, shall identify a team of individuals who will be responsible for developing, implementing and delivering a community engagement program.</p> <p>After the community engagement process is concluded, the Board shall make the final decision regarding an issue.</p>

