

SUBJECT: MEDIA/MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS/EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES/SENIOR CITIZENS

School District Media

The Principal of each building is responsible for the preparation of news releases concerning the activities within that building, and for reviewing them with the Superintendent prior to release. Copies of all final news releases will be sent to the Superintendent's Office.

In addition, a periodic newsletter may be prepared and sent to each resident of the Madrid-Waddington Central School District or posted on the District's website. Included in the newsletter will be information regarding school activities, a monthly calendar and other items of interest to the community. The Board accepts the funding obligation for the necessary staff and production costs.

As the official spokesperson, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall issue all news releases concerning the District. All statements of the Board will be released through the Office of the Superintendent and/or the District Clerk.

Municipal Governments

It is the policy of the Board to establish and maintain a positive working relationship with the governing bodies of the municipality. The Board shall also cooperate with municipal, county and state agencies whose work affects the welfare of the children of the District, including but not limited to the County Social Service Department, the Board of Health, the Recreation Department, the Public Library, and all community emergency service agencies.

Senior Citizens

The Board of Education will consider school related programs for senior citizens in accordance with Education Law and/or Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. Such programs include special use of school buildings or school buses, school lunches and partial tax exemptions.

Relations With Educational Agencies

In order to maintain cordial and constructive relationships with other educational institutions, the Superintendent of Schools shall:

- a) Maintain liaison with the administrators of all private and parochial schools which enroll students resident in this District in order to be aware of any program changes that may be planned which could affect this District.

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- b) Determine how this District can advance the education of resident students attending parochial or private schools by encouraging participation in special District programs after regular school hours, during summer recess, and as part of the adult or continuing education program, within the guidelines permitted as per District Policy #8470.
- c) Cooperate fully in the implementation of all state and federal programs administered by this District which benefit, in whole or in part, eligible students attending private or parochial school.
- d) Welcome representatives of higher educational institutes who wish to speak to students interested in attending their college upon completion of secondary education and the military.
- e) Encourage sharing of resources with neighboring Local Educational Agencies (LEA) to promote educational opportunities for students.

Education Law Sections 1501-b(1)(a), 1501-b(1)(b),
and 1709(22)
Real Property Tax Law Section 467

Refer also to Policy #3280 – Community Use of School Facilities
Policy #5740 – Use of Buses by Community Groups
Policy #8470 – Home Instruction (Home Schooling)

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