

**TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

**REGARDING: COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**Number: 1000**

**COMMUNITY/BOARD OPERATIONS**

**Approved: 8/13/2014**

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The board, with assistance from the administration, shall determine the appropriate strategy when utilizing the community engagement process.

The board has established the communications and outreach committee to be responsible for developing, implementing and delivering a community engagement program.

After the community engagement process is concluded, the board shall make the final decision regarding an issue.

The board shall annually assess the effectiveness of the community engagement program.

The board directs the administration to develop and implement a planned program of community engagement that regularly provides opportunities for students, parents/guardians, families, residents, business and community organizations to participate in dialogues and decision-making related to district-wide and school-based issues.

The administration shall develop and use varied, effective communication methods to ensure that all community members receive information about district and school programs and the available opportunities to become actively involved.

The board and administration shall give substantial weight to the input received from the community. When evaluating the community's suggestions, the board and administration will consider the impact of the district's goals, operation, educational programs, and financial resources. Recommendations made by the community shall not reduce the authority or the responsibility of the board, which may accept or reject such recommendations.

The district shall communicate to the community the board's decision and its rationale regarding an issue involving community engagement.

