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SUBJECT: BOCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services shall support the following goals of community relations:

- a. To develop and maintain the confidence of the community in the BOCES and its staff;
- b. To stimulate public interest in the schools and public understanding of BOCES Programs;
- c. To discover what people think and what they want to know;
- d. To correct erroneous impressions and supply information;
- e. To develop effective means of communication with the various publics of the BOCES, the components and the community.
- f. To promote participation in the following activities to insure good component district relations:
 - monthly meetings of Chief School Officers
 - monthly meetings of Secondary Principals
 - monthly meetings of Elementary Principals
 - BOCES and component newsletters
 - BOCES highlights from Board minutes
 - membership of components' administrators on advisory councils for Vocational Education, Special Education and Instructional Support

COMMUNICATION WITH COMPONENT DISTRICTS

The Superintendent is responsible for maintaining positive relationships with component school districts. Although much correspondence occurs between the District Superintendent and the component districts, it is nevertheless desirable to structure regular contacts between BOCES administrators and administrators from the school districts which BOCES serves.

It is essential that the Board and the BOCES staff keep component boards of education informed as to policies and programs that might affect their educational processes. As much as possible, the BOCES staff and the Board should attempt to provide written and/or oral communication to the Superintendents and board members of component districts on any matter that might affect them, including agendas and minutes of the BOCES meetings. The BOCES staff will actively seek input from component districts for the purpose of planning and evaluation.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

The Board recognizes the need to keep all employees as fully informed as possible about district policies and programs. Conversely, all employees are to keep the Board fully informed of all formal activities dealing with programs which reach groups or individuals outside the supervisory district. This information should be supplied to the Board through the Office of the District Superintendent.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY

The staff of Genesee-Livingston-Steuben-Wyoming BOCES through the Public Information Officer shall inform the community of BOCES activities where appropriate. Communications involving Board policy shall have prior approval by the District Superintendent or his/her designee.

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