

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT *(Community Engagement Plan)*

Community Engagement Plan Development

This community engagement plan reflects a cooperative process between the board and community members. It describes the various methods the board will use to engage with the community to address issues related to the district's beliefs, mission and vision. These activities are in addition to the opportunity for district residents to place items on the board agenda in accordance with policy BDDH.

The Dent-Phelps R-III School Board sought input from the community through a survey sent by email and on the district's Facebook page on May 1, 2023. There were twenty-nine responses to the survey and the board reviewed the results at the May 16, 2023 public board meeting.

Plan Components

Plan components must be consistent with policy KC, Community Engagement.

1. Informing – Providing the community with balanced and objective information to assist in understanding the problem and the alternatives or solution.
2. Consulting – Obtaining community feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
3. Involving – Working directly with the community to ensure that community issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered.
4. Collaborating – Involving the community in each aspect of a decision, including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.

Planned Engagement Activities

*The board will survey the community for ideas about improving the district's facilities.
(Consulting)*

*The board will promote continued communication with the community through the district's automated system (Bright Arrow) and social media of district events and afterschool activities.
(Informing)*

The board will promote continued communication with the student's guardians about their academic achievement and ways that they can help their students. (e.g. Parent/Teacher Conferences, Parent Portal, Progress Reports, State Testing Results, District Testing Results, Weekly Grade Updated in Student Information System) (Informing)

The board will promote multiple volunteer opportunities within the school at varying times accommodate guardian's schedules. (e.g. Veteran's Day, Field Day, Christmas Program, Classroom Parties, Fundraisers) (Involving)

The board will hold a series of meetings to set district goals and identify strategies to reach those goals. (Collaborating)

Potential Obstacles and Challenges

Childcare – Offer childcare during meetings/activities so guardians can attend.

Work Schedules – Offer varying times to accommodate work schedules.

Internet Access at Home – Offer district internet access for guardian's use to assist in their students learning.

Activity Evaluation

The board will seek public input on activities in person or through surveys of what worked well and recommendations for improvement.

Plan Evaluation and Revision

The board and engagement activity participants will review this plan annually. The plan may be revisited more frequently at the request of the board or community members.

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Dent-Phelps R-III School District, Salem, Missouri