

**RELATIONS BETWEEN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND THE SCHOOLS**

The Governing Board encourages representatives of private industry to participate with the schools in preparing our students for challenges they will meet in the future. Working together as partners, business and the schools should seek to educate citizens who can contribute to the productive workforce on which our economy depends.

The Superintendent or designee shall invite local employers to serve on advisory committees, help design regular, vocational and technical programs, and provide needs assessments, program evaluations, and/or staff development for school managers and teachers. Businesses may also provide classroom assistance, individual tutoring, incentive and recognition programs, work experience opportunities, apprenticeship programs and employment opportunities. The Board recognizes that staff members need adequate time to plan these activities in cooperation with the business volunteers.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 6178 - Vocational Education)*

The Board also encourages private industries to contribute funds and equipment to further the district's educational programs. To prepare for an increasingly technological job market, students especially need access to equipment that meets current business standards.

*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*

*(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)*

The Board urges employers to further support the schools by recognizing their employees' needs as parents/guardians and supporting their involvement with their children's schools.

*(cf. 1150 - Commendations and Awards)*

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

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