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Purpose

The Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) recognizes and encourages the concept of community education. The term **community education** is used to describe a process in which the District, individual persons, community groups, civic organizations, private agencies and local governmental agencies cooperate to provide educational, recreational, vocational, cultural, social and other related services to help meet community needs. This is accomplished through the use of educational and other related sources.

The Board also recognizes the limitations of District resources. The District should serve all residents of the community as a center for educational activities; however, the school cannot serve as a replacement for other community-based institutions, such as: family, church, cultural activities, athletic associations and other various community organizations.

The Board’s belief in community education is summarized by the following principles:

1. The schools of the District belong to the community.
2. The community should make optimum use of school services and facilities.
3. The community is the school’s single greatest resource.
4. The school should be a major resource for all the community.
5. The education of all persons is an ongoing process. Primary responsibility for local public education is the K-12 program, but schools and their programs can impact significantly on the lives of all persons within the community.
6. Citizens should make meaningful contributions to the decision-making process as it relates to community education.
7. Community persons participating on all Board-appointed advisor committees should promote positive growth and change within the schools and the community.
8. Community education should serve as a vehicle for improved coordination of community resources.

SUPERSEDES: Policy No. 1210, Community Education for the Springfield School District Community

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