

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION LINKS

The Mercer County Board of Education recognizes that it has the responsibility to receive information, comments, and suggestions directly from Local School Improvement Councils and Faculty Senates regarding the broad guidelines for oversight procedures, standards of accountability and planning for future needs. The Board of Education therefore establishes the following direct links between the Board of Education and each of its Local School Improvement Councils and between the Board of Education and each of its Faculty Senates:

1. The Principal of each school in consultation with the Faculty Senate will be charged with the responsibility of developing a "School Improvement Plan." The "School Improvement Plan" will be based on national, state and local goals, accreditation standards, and an assessment of school and county needs. The plan will be designed to correct identified deficiencies and to maintain or enhance identified strengths. Input will be sought from the School Curriculum Team and the School Improvement Council. The final plan will be signed by the Chair of the Local School Improvement Council, the Chair of the Faculty Senate and the School Principal. It will then be submitted to the Board of Education for final approval.
2. An agenda will be established for the annual meeting(s) between the Board of Education and the Local School Improvement Councils. This agenda will be developed by the Superintendent of Schools or his designee based on the School Improvement Plan and general concerns determined by the Superintendent.
3. Copies of the "Annual Report of the Superintendency" will be sent to the Chair of each Faculty Senate, the Principal, and the Chair of each Local School Improvement Council to be shared with their respective membership.
4. Copies of all proposed county policies will be sent to the Chair of each Faculty Senate, the Principal, and the Chair of each Local School Improvement Council prior to their approval to receive comments and suggestions.
5. School Improvement Plans which include the School Needs Assessment will be considered when establishing the county goals and objectives.
6. Each Local School Improvement Council and Faculty Senate will submit a brief summary of successful programs and/or initiatives to the Board of Education annually. These will be compiled and distributed to the Chair of each Local School Improvement Council, each Faculty Senate, and the School Principal.

References: WV Code 18-5-14

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