## **Board Operations**

## 188 – <u>News Media at Board Meetings</u>

The Board believes that one of the paramount responsibilities of a Board of Education is to keep the public informed of its deliberations, policies and actions, and issues facing the district. Therefore, the Board encourages the attendance of media representatives at all meetings except closed sessions.

1. A copy of the agenda will be sent in advance to members of the media. All reports approved by the Board shall be considered matters of official record and shall also be made available to the media.

2. A table, provided with extra working copies of the agenda and agenda materials, shall be located near the Board's table to enable media reporters to follow discussion without difficulty.

3. Questions from the media will not be entertained while meetings are in progress, so the Board may transact its business in a prompt manner.

In the event that representatives of the news media are unable to attend a meeting, they shall be provided, upon request, with a summary of important Board actions.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 19.81 and 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

CROSS REF.: 184, Board Minutes and 823, Access to Public Records.