

The School District of Neillsville recognizes that public schools belong to the community and the citizens they serve. It is, therefore, appropriate that district citizens should have an active role in decision making when issues have significant impact upon them.

The Board of Education of the School District of Neillsville believes the practice of community engagement plays a critical role in the enhancement of student achievement and in the success of school improvement initiatives. Engagement strengthens community support and trust for its public schools. It additionally provides an opportunity for building broad-based community understanding and support for public education, in particular for local schools.

Administrative and/or board review and assessment of an emerging issue shall determine if a community engagement process would be recommended as an effective decision-making strategy for that issue. Such recommendations are to be presented to the Board of Education for its consideration and authorization. In addition, the board may, upon its own initiative, direct the administration to begin a community engagement process. Following the community engagement process, the final decision making will be performed by the Board of Education. The district will communicate the decision and supporting rationale to the community.

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Final Adoption: 12/13/04