## Sacramento City USD Board Policy

**Concepts And Roles** 

## BP 1000 Community Relations

The long-term success of the greater Sacramento community is dependent upon the establishment and maintenance of strong, healthy and vibrant neighborhoods. The City and school districts can foster this endeavor by working together to provide a necessary component of a strong community - a "neighborhood place" or "center" where the goals of children, youth, families, and community can come together. Schools as "neighborhood places" or "centers" can strengthen a community's sense of identity, coherence and consensus.

For the community, schools can provide a much-needed neighborhood place/center for meetings, for the provision and distribution of human, municipal or social services, for continuing education and access to opportunities and resources.

For schools, opening to the community can translate to better relationships and communication with all people, which can lead to a higher level of success for students. More community members on campus translates to safer campuses, reduced incidence of graffiti and vandalism, and increased resources for the school site.

For the city, utilizing the school as a neighborhood place/center reduces the need for additional city-built community centers, supports neighborhood vitalization efforts, and facilitates decentralized access to city and other government services.

Like a new version of the old town square, schools can serve as a community hub, a center for civic infrastructure, a place where students, parents and other members of the community can develop networks, access services and build assets for themselves and their neighborhoods. Working in concert, the city, schools and community can work together to become "neighborhood places" or "centers."

- (cf. 0420.5 School-Based Decision Making)
- (cf. 1020 Youth Services)
- (cf. 0510 School Accountability Report Card)
- (cf. 1112 Media Relations)
- (cf. 1160 Political Processes)
- (cf. 1220 Citizen Advisory Committees)
- (cf. 1240 Volunteer Assistance)
- (cf. 1312 Complaints Concerning the Schools)
- (cf. 1330 Use of School Facilities)
- (cf. 1700 Relations between Private Industry and the Schools)
- (cf. 6020 Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation) (cf. 9000 - Role of the Board) (cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

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