The San Mateo County Board of Education (Board) establishes this policy on public information because of its convictions that:

1. The County Office of Education (Office) belongs to the public who created it and support it through taxation.

2. The Office is only as strong as the intelligent and informed public support.

3. The support of the public must be based upon their knowledge of, their understanding about, and their participation in the aims and efforts of the Office.

The Board therefore declares its intent:

1. To keep the public regularly and thoroughly informed through all the channels of communication on all the policies, programs, problems and planning of the Office and to carry out this policy through its own efforts and the office of the County Superintendent of Schools (Superintendent).

2. To invite the advice and counsel of the public at all times.

3. To disseminate factual, objective, and realistic information about education and the Office.

4. To solicit the sound thinking of the public on those problems which vitally affect the future of our children.

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