

**BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT**

The demands of Board membership require opportunities for study, training and development for Board members. The Board of Education is committed to providing planned and continuing programs of education for all of its members.

**Orientation for New Members**

New members of the Board shall be provided with orientation materials and, with Board approval, may attend, at District expense, workshops designed for newly elected members. Orientation materials shall include, but not be limited to, a copy of the Board's policy manual (including bylaws and regulations) and information concerning the statutory responsibilities of the Board of Education. Incoming members may also be invited to meet with the Superintendent and other administrative personnel.

**Continuing Development**

In order to develop leadership capabilities, become informed about current issues in education, and improve their skills as members of a policy-making body, Board members will be provided with opportunities for development such as participation in conferences, workshops and conventions, in-service activities, and subscriptions to publications addressing Board member concerns.

The Superintendent of Schools or Chairperson of the Board will inform Board members, in a timely manner, of upcoming conferences, conventions and workshops. Subject to available funding, the Board shall determine which educational opportunities may be offered to its members.

When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those who do participate will be expected to share in a timely manner, by means of written or oral reports, information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting.