

## **Community Relations**

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The Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education believes that one of its important responsibilities is to keep the public informed about the operations and activities of the schools. Therefore, the Board of Education invites and welcomes the active participation of the media such as the public press, radio and TV.

Information concerning any phase of the schools' operation may be made available by the Superintendent to the press.

The Superintendent will plan for periodic releases to the press and other community media which will provide information to the Bethlehem and Woodbury communities concerning its schools and various phases of the school program.

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REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14  
Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut

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Recognizing that an open relationship should exist between school administrators who are charged with the responsibility of conducting public business, and the news media who has the responsibility of reporting the actions of government to citizens, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to provide to the members of the press information which is a matter of record and public information.

Members of the press, television and radio stations will be directed by the Superintendent of Schools to the administrator directly responsible for the information they seek.

Information released to the media shall be that which is public information as covered by statute. It is recognized that there is information of a confidential nature which shall not be released, such as information concerning personnel, grievances, negotiations, court actions and special placement of students. Information provided to the media should be factual and should not involve speculation or assumptions.

Administrators may release any information which has been previously generated. This does not include, however, generating new information at the request of a member of the press. All communications by school officials to the press shall be "on the record." Press releases are to indicate the administrator's name and title.

The Principal has the right to restrict interaction with students on school property if he/she deems it interferes or disrupts the educational process.