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TITLE:

SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	I. PURPOSE	The Board shall interpret the educational program to the people and invite	1
2		discussions and suggestions on important educational policies, and shall,	2
3		at all times, represent the entire community rather than any single group or	3
4		section. The Board encourages citizen participation in planning to ensure	4
5		excellence in school programs.	5
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7	II. GUIDELINES	It shall be the responsibility of all directors to be “public relations	7
8		conscious” and to encourage public attendance at Board meetings.	8
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10		The Board accepts responsibility for keeping the citizens of the community	10
11		informed about the function and operation of the school system. Various	11
12		communication media will be used.	12
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14		In utilizing the advice and assistance of interested individuals and groups,	14
15		the Board in no way abdicates its responsibility to the citizens of the district	15
16		as the official body charged with the responsibility for making the final	16
17		decision on all matters pertaining to the educational program within the	17
18		district.	18
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20	III. AUTHORITY	All decisions of the Board will be made in public meetings. All meetings	20
21		of the Board are open to the public except executive sessions.	21
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23		Information of a confidential nature may be released only in accordance	23
24		with applicable federal, state, and local law.	24
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26	Approved: 9/21/67	The Board recognizes the importance of keeping all employees of the	26
27	Revised: 5/22/84	district informed of school policies in order to enable them to understand	27
28	Revised: 11/24/98	the school program. All employees should be made aware of their roles as	28
29	Reviewed 1/16/2003	representatives of the school district. The Board will communicate its	29
30		policies and general information with its staff and many publics through	30
31		formal and informal meetings and publications throughout the year.	31