

KB Public Information Program

10/25/12

With respect to the community, the Cobb County Board of Education (Board) expects the Superintendent to actively encourage input and engagement, especially with parties that are directly affected by Cobb County School District (District) operations.

Accordingly, without limiting the above, the Superintendent shall establish procedures to:

1. Be responsive, whether directly or through appropriate staff, in timely communications with parents/guardians.
2. Utilize personal communications.
3. Seek evaluative feedback from persons directly affected by (District) operations.
4. Seek input from parents/guardians into major changes in District operation.
5. Inform parents/guardians about major changes in the District. This includes:
 - a. Programmatic changes; and
 - b. Notification of owners of property contiguous to the involved District property that the Board has approved an outside facility construction project for said property. The notice shall be by certified and first class mail and shall be mailed at least five days prior to the start of the actual construction project. Projects requiring notice include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Building additions;
 - (2) Telecommunications facilities/Cellular towers (See Administrative Rule FJA [Construction of/Improvements to Facilities on District Property by Community Organizations or Individuals]);
 - (3) Property-line fencing;
 - (4) Parking lot changes;
 - (5) Retention ponds; and
 - (6) Re-roofing.
6. Establish and maintain processes to engage, and a variety of opportunities to involve, citizens in the education of Cobb County children.
7. Encourage the parents and guardians of students attending District schools to actively participate in their respective school's PTA/PTSA.
8. Promote the visibility of the Board when representing the District at external functions and with elected leaders on political issues.

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Legal Reference

O.C.G.A. 20-02-0242	Local school systems; LUA's; local governing bodies
O.C.G.A. 50-14-0001	Open Meetings Law
O.C.G.A. 50-18-0072	When public disclosure is not required
20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)