

**BCEK- POLICY ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

It is the policy of the Board to foster open and informative communication with the public directly and through the media consistent with a strict adherence to the privacy requirements of the federal and state laws. Any statements, announcements, or press releases on behalf of the District or the Board shall either be made by or at the direction of the Superintendent, the Superintendent’s designee, or through the Board. In instances where a statement, announcement, or press release is needed from the Board and there is not time to call an emergency meeting, the Board Chair is responsible for making such statements on behalf of the Board. In the absence of the Board Chair, the most senior Board officer available, or in their absence the most senior (in time as a board member) available Board member is delegated the authority to act.

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