

# Decatur County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in August</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Board Meetings News Coverage and News Releases, News Conferences, and Interviews</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>1.502</b>	Issued Date: <b>07/13/17</b>
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 A copy of the agenda and agenda materials will be sent in advance to members of the news media who  
2 request it. Additionally, all reports approved by the board shall be made available to the media.

3 The press will be provided with working copies of the agenda and agenda materials upon request.

4 The chairman of the board and/or the director of schools will be available after each meeting to answer  
5 questions and to clarify points of discussion and action.

6 The release of official news from the system and schools shall be coordinated as follows:

- 7 1. The board chairman will be the official spokesman for the Board, except as this duty is  
8 delegated to others;
- 9 2. News releases which are of a systemwide nature or pertain to established system policy are the  
10 responsibility of the director of schools or a designated member of the administrative staff; and  
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- 12 3. News releases which are of concern to only one school or to an organization of one school are  
13 the responsibility of the principal of that particular school.  
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15 When individual board members or the director of schools express their views on any issue which is in  
16 opposition to a view expressed in board policy, they have the duty to make clear that the view  
17 expressed is not the official view of the Board or school system.  
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Cross References

Board-Community Relations 1.500  
News Releases, Conferences and Interviews 1.503