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Public Participation Policy

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District Board of Education recognizes and values the partnership between school and community and believes that greater community involvement results in higher academic achievement, reduced absenteeism, and improved student behavior.

Prior to the adoption of any programming decisions and in compliance with Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, the School District will ensure that there are public hearings, adequate notices of the hearings, and an opportunity for comment available to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and their parents.

The School District will conduct public hearings at times and places that afford interested parties a reasonable opportunity to participate, and provide adequate notice with sufficient detail regarding the scope and purpose of the programming proposals; the date, time, and location of each public hearing; and procedures for submitting written comments to the School District. Notices will be published or announced in newspapers or other media with circulation adequate to notify the general public and enough in advance of the date of the hearings to afford interested parties a reasonable opportunity to participate.

34 C.F.R. §300.165; 20 USC 1232d(b)(7)

Public Policy Implementation Plan

The School District's CCIP focuses on the utilization of IDEA Part B special education funds to meet the identified goals and strategies to improve results for children with disabilities. In pursuit of this end, the School District will:

- Hold an annual public hearing regarding the expenditures of Part B funds in relation to the strategic goals.
- Provide thirty (30) days notice to the public of the date of the public hearing.
- Provide a detailed notice that includes scope and purpose, date, time and location of the public hearing.
- Provide a procedure during the public hearing of the method by which the public can share information and feedback with the School District.
 - Include name and address of contact person to which interested parties can direct their comments/feedback.
 - Include timeline in which comments/feedback will be accepted beyond the public hearing. (i.e. Thirty (30) days)
- Post notices on the School District Website as well as in the local newspaper.

The primary goal of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District is to become a premier school district in the United States of America.