

## **Community Relations**

### **Relations Between Area, State, Regional, and National Associations, and the Schools**

Membership in recognized associations such as the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education may be maintained by the schools for several reasons, including:

1. In-service benefits to staff and the Orange Board of Education from participation in professional meetings, conferences, clinics, and conventions.
2. Access to the communication media of such associations, such as newsletters, periodicals, and advisory services.
3. Representation in legislative and other actions affecting education generally and our school district in particular.

The Orange Board of Education in maintaining such membership in no way abdicates its authority over the responsibility for the schools of the district as outlined in state law and Board of Education policy.

The Superintendent of Schools shall budget funds for memberships approved by the Board and for the cost of appropriate participation by Board members, administration and staff in the activities of such associations.

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