PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

References: Education Code 72121.5;
Government Code Sections 54954.3 and 54957.5

The Governing Board shall provide opportunities for members of the general public and the District staff to participate in the business of the Governing Board. Claims for damages are not considered communications to the Governing Board under this policy, but shall be submitted to the District in compliance with District Policy No. 3810 "Claims Against the District."

Members of the public and District staff may bring matters directly related to the business of the District to the attention of the Governing Board as follows:

1. There will be a time at each regularly scheduled board meeting for members of the public and District staff to discuss items not on the agenda. The order of business will be suspended to allow the Governing Board to hear "Oral Communications." No action may be taken by the Governing Board on such items. (See District Policy No. 2350 "Oral Communications" for additional information.)

2. Members of the public may place items on the prepared agenda in accordance with District Policy No. 2340 "Agendas."

3. Members of the public may submit written communications to the Governing Board regarding items on the agenda and/or speak to agenda items at the Governing Board meeting. Written communication regarding items on the Governing Board's agenda should reach the office of the Superintendent/President not later than five working days prior to the meeting at which the matter is to be before the Governing Board. All such written communications shall be dated and signed by the author, and shall contain the residence or business address of the author and the author's organizational affiliation, if any.