

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL BOARD POLICY
BOARD RELATIONS WITH THE MEDIA**

The Board believes that it has a responsibility to keep the public informed of the operations, programs, progress, and problems of the public schools. Consequently, Board meetings are open to the press and public. In the event that representatives of the news media are unable to attend a meeting, upon request, the Superintendent shall provide a summary of important Board actions.

All reports and documents which are defined in statute as public documents may be released (made available) by the Superintendent as provided in statute. A charge may be made for copies per the fee schedule adopted annually by the Board.

Public documents, as defined by state statute, will be made available as provided by statute and the school unit's procedures. Requests should be made to the Office of the Superintendent.

When individual Board members receive requests from news media representatives for information about Board meetings, members shall refer the inquiries to the Board chair or Superintendent who shall be public spokespersons for the Board.

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