Community Partners/Resource Persons/School Volunteers

The board supports community partners resource persons and volunteer programs which are professionally organized and promote increased student achievement. The board believes in using community partners resource persons in the community to provide enrichment opportunities and give more individual attention to students. The board also believes that the appropriate use of volunteers will increase the effective utilization of staff time and skills as well as promote greater community involvement.

A professionally run community partner resource persons and volunteers program serves as a means of coordinating all volunteer activity in the schools. The community partner resource persons and volunteers program is school-oriented, meaning that all projects and requests originate within the school and are supervised by the professional staff. The board encourages teachers instructional staff to use community partners resource persons and volunteers, but that use is optional. Community partners resource persons and volunteers will work with students under the immediate supervision and direction of a certified person employee.

The community partner resource persons and volunteers program is decentralized. Each principal or teacher instructional staff member plans for community partners resource persons or volunteers help in areas that fulfill a different need in each school. At the district level, the superintendent or his/her designee serves as a consultant in areas of implementation, coordination, training, placement, evaluation, and recognition. The community partners resource persons or volunteer, though unpaid, have been and will continue to be professional and dependable in the donation of their time.

The superintendent or his/her designee will establish procedures for securing and screening community partners resource persons or volunteers.

For required criminal record checks on individuals serving as community partners resource persons/volunteers, see policy GEBEBA* Criminal Record Checks.

Cf. GEBEBA*

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 59-19-117 - Background checks.