

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### School Board Finance Elections

The School Board recognizes that its authority to raise property tax rates for school purposes above authorized levels is dependent upon the approval of voters. The Board further recognizes that the appropriate level of School District funding is a community decision.

When the Board ascertains that a tax rate increase or bond issue is in the best interest of the School District, the Board may, by formal action, place a proposition on the public ballot at a regularly scheduled election.

Following the School Board's adoption of a resolution to place a school finance measure on the ballot at an election, the Board will explain to voters the nature of the propositions, the School District's financial facts and other reasons giving rise to the Board's proposal. Individual members of the Board or District employees may be assigned to communicate this information to the community.

The Board will cooperate with all citizens to provide information concerning the proposition and shall encourage the formation of citizens' committees. No School District funds may be given to a citizens' committee or otherwise used to directly promote approval or disapproval of the proposition.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois Election Code, Sec.9-25.1 (10 ILCS 5/9-25.1).

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