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Title: Agenda Proposal — Addressing Public Concerns

The board is pleased by the high level of public participation it receives and would like to see even more public participation.

The board is pleased with the responsiveness of the administration and would like to see even more responsiveness. Even greater responsiveness from the administration is likely to bring an even higher amount of public participation.

It will from this day forward be the policy of this school district:

1.) That any member of the public who comes to the meeting,

and who publicly comments about something his or she is dissatisfied with,

will be approached by a member of the administration and will be invited to speak more personally with that member of the administration before leaving the property.

2.) That same member of the administration will ask questions to help get to the heart of the concern troubling the member of the public and will take diligent hand written notes about the concern.

3.) That same member of the administration will investigate the matter himself or will see to it that the matter is investigated within 48 hours.

4.) That same member of the administration will take down the contact information of the member of the public for the purpose of following up. He or she will assure the member of the public that there will be no negative consequence for bringing this matter to the board.

5.) Within 48 hours, that same member of the public should hear back from the member of the administration.

6.) Within 7 days, a follow up will be added by the administration to the board's packet, with any personal information left out. This should indicate whether the member of the public indicates he or she was satisfied or unsatisfied by this resolution. The name, email, and contact number of the member or members of the administration involved should be listed as well so that the board member has the option to bring the matter up during the meeting or alternately so that at the board member may contact that member of the administration directly for follow up if more information is needed.

7.) It will be the duty of the superintendent to see to it that such matters are diligently handled.

8.) The board has many programs that it oversees. Any member of the public who shares critical information about any of the programs is doing the board a tremendous favor. The US Constitution guarantees the right to redress grievances and well within the right of any member of the public to share concerns with the board. It is consistent with good governance policy for the public to feel comfortable sharing their unobstructed feedback with their elected representatives. With all of this being true, the difficulty it takes to attend a board meeting and

make a public comment are a serious enough obstacle already and no further obstacle need exist. It is the policy of the board that all encouragement is to be given to those who bring forward public comments.

No attempt to retaliate against anyone who makes a public comment should ever be take by anyone under the supervision of the board. The board will take very seriously any attempt to retaliate against anyone who shares with the board a concern about the programs under the board's supervision. This may include disciplinary action and termination.

This board seeks to hold more inclusive meetings and to operate even more transparently and an effort to address all concerns raised by the public is a basic responsibility of the administration in this school district.