

*Policy updated to reflect NEW COURT DECISION (City of San Jose v. Superior Court) which held that using a personal account or device to send or receive communications regarding public business does not categorically exclude those records from disclosure in response to a request under the California Public Records Act and that public agencies are obliged to disclose applicable records that they can locate with reasonable effort.*

## **Community Relations**

BP 1340

### **ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS**

The **Governing** ~~Board of Trustees~~ recognizes the right of citizens to have access to public records of the district. The Board intends the district to provide any person reasonable access to the public records of the schools and district during normal business hours and within the requirements of law. Public access shall not be given to records listed as exempt from public disclosure in the California Public Records Act and other state or federal law.

In response to a public records request, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to locate the requested records, including, but not limited to, any electronic communication substantively related to the records, such as email, text messages, instant messages, and other electronic communications, regardless of whether they are transmitted through a district-provided device or account or through an employee's or Board member's personal device or account.

The district may charge for copies of public records or other materials requested by individuals or groups. The charge shall be based on actual costs of duplication, as determined by the Superintendent or designee and as specified in administrative regulation.

In order to help maintain the security of district records, members of the public granted access shall examine records in the presence of a district staff member.