



First Supervisory District of Suffolk County
201 Sunrise Highway
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Board Policy

News Media Relations

Eastern Suffolk BOCES is operated for the benefit of the citizens of the Supervisory District.

Information concerning ESBOCES and its operation is public. It is, therefore, in the interest of the community that there be free and open communications at all times with news media.

The Board invites and welcomes the active participation of all forms of mass media, print and electronic, in educating the public and improving education within ESBOCES and the wider community. The Board and Chief Operating Officer will make every reasonable effort to cooperate with the media by providing accurate information about ESBOCES operations, to the extent permissible by statute and regulation.

The Board President, Chief Operating Officer, or designee is designated as the spokesperson for ESBOCES when making a statement on behalf of ESBOCES. No other employee or member of the Board individually will speak for, or in the name of, ESBOCES unless by explicit direction of the Board President or Chief Operating Officer.

Any inquiries from news media are to be referred to the employee's supervising Administrative Council member, the Office of the Chief Operating Officer, and the Office of Communications. The information released is important to maintaining and building public confidence in education and specifically in ESBOCES.

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