

BOARD MEMBER SCHOOL VISITS

Unless specifically authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Education, an individual Board member has no right to make an official visit to the schools for the purposes of inspecting the schools, gathering information, or giving directions to any employee of the schools. The individual Board member's rights are no greater or different from those of any other individual.

Prior to such a visit, the Board member will contact the Superintendent of Schools or the Principal for Instruction as they may either add some suggestions to make the Board member's visit more meaningful or notify other Board members who might also like to observe a school program. Whenever possible, individual Board members shall provide advance notice of a school visit to the Superintendent and shall notify the Principal upon entering the building, if acting in an official Board capacity. Concerns or opinions related to the education program in individual school buildings shall be directed to the Superintendent of Schools.

It is the duty of the Board to appoint a committee of Board members to inspect schools annually and report its findings to the Board at its next meeting.

Ref: Education Law §§1604; 1604-a; 1701; 1708; 1709; 1710
Matter of Bruno, 4 EDR 14 (1964)

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