

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE
MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Administrative Policy 1.03
PARENT EMPOWERMENT**

<i>History</i>	<i>Adopted 11-23-92; revised 6-30-93, 2-25-95</i>
<i>Previous Coding</i>	<i>Admin. Policy ABD, prior to May 1995</i>
<i>Legal Ref.</i>	<i>W.S. 119.16(1)</i>
<i>Contract Ref.</i>	
<i>Cross Ref.</i>	

- (1) The Board acknowledges, affirms, and embraces parents as the first and foremost educators of their children.
- (2) Further the Board:
 - (a) Commits to provide the resources and support needed to increase parental knowledge, access, accountability, and decision making;
 - (b) Recognizes that the needs and interests of parents and students must be central to achieving school and district-wide goals and objectives;
 - (c) Commits to respecting and empowering all parents;
 - (d) Commits to eliminating barriers to parental empowerment;
 - (e) Commits to the establishment of a parent organization (PTA, PTSO, PTO, parent club, etc.) in each school, with the organizational format to be determined by the parents;
 - (f) Commits to broadening parental input into the development of all policies, plans, and procedures that have an impact on the education of children in the Milwaukee Public Schools;
 - (g) Acknowledges that parents have a right to advocate for their children and to be accorded respect by all Milwaukee Public Schools employees;
 - (h) Shall ensure that each school forms a shared decision-making group comprising at least 33% parent representatives and not more than 50% school community representatives. The school community representatives are to include staff and at least two students from the middle and high school levels. Parent representatives are to be chosen by parents, and student representatives by students. Community representatives could include the business community and community agencies and organizations;
 - (i) Commits to establishing written and formalized procedures for hearing and resolving the complaints and concerns of parents through the parent service center.

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