## **Ordinance 2024/25-73**

Section 10-2.1. Community to be kept informed. — A. The community shall be kept informed regarding the educational program provided for the instruction of all students since the schools closely touch the lives of all persons in the community. The School Board shall use all available means of communication to keep themselves and the public informed regarding policies, administrations, programs, operations needs and objectives of the schools.

B. Since school publications are one means by which the public evaluates the schools, publications shall receive careful faculty supervision as well as approval of the principal to insure acceptable standards of content and journalism.

The Suffolk School Board recognizes the importance of providing information regarding the school division to the community. The School Board utilizes appropriate means and media in order to:

- a. explain the programs, achievements, and needs of the school division;
- b. <u>keep students</u>, <u>parents/guardians</u>, <u>and staff members fully informed about Board policies and procedures as well as their own rights and responsibilities</u>;
- c. communicate factual information regarding the school division: and
- d. <u>involve students, parents/guardians, and the community in discussions regarding education programs, student activities, and Board policy.</u>

(Adopted January 12, 1995)

**Legal Authority -** Virginia Code §§ <u>22.1-78</u>, 22.1-253.13:7 (1950), as amended.