PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plainfield, New Jersey

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Bylaw

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Only the Board President shall authorize or make statements of official board positions.

No other member of the Board of Education individually will speak for, or in the name of, the full board unless by explicit direction of the Board. Board members should emphasize that they can only speak as individual board members unless empowered by the Board to speak for it. If letters are written to government officials or newspapers, an individual board member should state that his/her opinions do not represent the position of the Board.

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Key Words

Board Members' Role, Public Statements

Legal References:

N.J.S.A.	18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A.	18A:42-4	Distribution of literature to candidacy, board issues, or other public question to be submitted at election; prohibited
N.J.S.A.	18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)

Possible Cross References:

*1100	Communicating with the public
*1110	Media
*9010	Role of the member
*9271	Code of ethics

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.