

### **Public Statements Concerning School Policy**

The explicit prior approval of the Superintendent is required before any employee, acting in his/her capacity as a representative of the Belmont Public Schools, may make public statements involving school policy either through a press release or other media. This policy does not circumscribe any employee's individual right to free speech and expression. An employee speaking on issues concerning the Belmont Public Schools should clearly state whether he/she is speaking officially or as an individual citizen.

The Superintendent will designate those responsible for coordinating the release of information at each of the schools.

#### References:

Connick v. Meyers, Supreme Court of the United States, 1983

Alinovi v. School Committee of Worcester. United States Court of Appeals.

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