

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

**Policy 806.1** (previously 1006.1)

## **Educational Twinning**

The Board believes that international friendship, understanding and cultural appreciation are among the highest goals which education serves. Consequently, the Board supports school involvement in twinning relationships.

Twinning relationships must enjoy the endorsement of the Board and should actively involve the Board, in particular, those situations which involve Richmond's Sister and Friendship Cities. When an opportunity for cultural twinning or an important cultural event arises through the Sister City Committee, and this opportunity meets the educational needs or interest of an individual school or the District as a whole, collaboration and coordination should occur between the Sister City Committee and individual schools through the auspices of the Board.

Opportunities for the District to participate in Sister City twinning, or to host events, groups or activities related to a specific Richmond Sister City will be presented to district staff through the Sister City Trustee representative, and participation in these activities will be the decision of the school principal(s), the school staff and the Area Superintendent(s).

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