

## **RESOLUTION OF STAFF COMPLAINTS**

The board recognizes the importance of establishing reasonable and effective means for resolving difficulties which may arise among staff, to reduce potential areas of grievances and to establish and maintain recognized two-way channels of communication between supervisory personnel and staff.

The board intends to expedite the process for all concerned parties. Staff are urged to use the administrative procedures whenever they feel that a district action has aggrieved them. The procedures are established to secure a proper and equitable solution to a complaint at the lowest possible supervisory level and to facilitate an orderly procedure within which solutions may be pursued.

A grievance is any condition, action or lack of action by the district or its staff which the staff member believes to be unjust. A grievance may be a claim by a staff member based upon alleged violation, misinterpretation or a misapplication of existing district policies or administrative procedures or from a violation of specific requirements of state or federal laws which regulate the District's employment practices.

All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be maintained in a separate file and shall not be kept in the personnel file of the aggrieved.