

*Communications Between Board and District Legal Counsel*

This Policy governs communications between the Board of School Directors and the District Solicitor and other District legal counsel regarding matters of District business.

District legal counsel shall give opinions to Board members only at the direction of the Board President or designee.

Should an individual Board member want to consult the District legal counsel for a legal opinion, the Board member shall seek pre-approval from the Board President. The District legal counsel shall then respond to the Board member's inquiry in writing to the Board President or, if appropriate, to the full Board.

Board Member Inquiry to Solicitor Regarding Ethics Act

Pre-approval of the Board President is not required if an individual Board member contacts the District Solicitor with questions about a Pennsylvania Ethics Act issue, including but not limited to whether abstention is required for a particular vote. In these cases, the District Solicitor responds only to the Board member who inquired.

The District Solicitor is only required to reveal to the full Board the receipt of individual Board members' questions about an Ethics Act issue if that Board member does any one or more of the following:

- Reveals past illegal activity;
- Reveals intent to commit illegal activity;
- Subsequently commits illegal activity; or
- Does not properly abstain.

The extent and the public or private nature of the disclosure shall be in accordance with the professional judgment of the Solicitor as determined by the Solicitor's ethical obligations.