

## **MEMBERS**

### **Orienting New Board Members**

**7205**

Each new board member shall be given an orientation program prior to the new member's first scheduled board meeting. The orientation will consist of two parts:

The first session will be conducted under the direction of the superintendent. This briefing shall include a current copy of the board policy manual, the budget, the latest annual report and such other documents as the superintendent may include to foster an understanding of the operation of the district. The superintendent shall set aside such time as is necessary to answer any questions arising from the study of these documents, and shall cooperate fully in assisting the new member to become an informed and active board member.

The second session will be conducted by experienced members of the local board. This briefing shall focus on issues of local board ethics, conflict of interest and the superintendent evaluation process. Copies of related board policies, the board calendar and the superintendent evaluation form should be at hand to facilitate the discussion. The experienced local board members should review current-year superintendent goals and discuss their relationship to current district goals. Members shall also review the district's policies regarding training in boardsmanship and provide information on upcoming opportunities for the new board member to gain additional training.