

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

The public schools belong to the people. The people, through the Board, govern the schools under rights guaranteed to them by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Wisconsin. The people exercise their proprietorship through the elective process. They elect state and federal representatives who establish, through the legislature and the Congress, the framework of law within which the schools operate. The people elect a school board to represent them, to determine local educational plans and policies and to establish publicly endorsed educational goals and objectives. The Waunakee Board of Education functions as an agency of the public within this framework.

The Board is mindful that it is directly accountable to the people through the elective process. The Board believes that accountability is a shared responsibility involving students, teachers and other employees, the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education and the people. The Board therefore asserts these beliefs and expectations:

Students should be trained at home and by the schools in order that they will learn to hold themselves accountable for their own lives, actions, and decisions as maturing members of a democratic society.

Teachers should hold students accountable for achieving (within the limits of each student's abilities) the objectives of each learning experience.

The superintendent should hold teachers and other employees accountable for working with diligent effort and with intelligence and imagination in achieving the objectives directly related to their stated job responsibilities.

The Board should appoint the most capable person available to hold the position of superintendent of schools and should hold him/her accountable for providing creative professional leadership and counsel in all aspects of the school district program.

The Board should also hold itself accountable for carrying out its mandate to plan, to make policy and to lead in the identification of goals and objectives and the resources necessary for their achievement.

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