

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Purpose: To ensure board accountability to both the state and the local citizens.

The board is the legal entity for conducting a system of public education within the geographic area of a school district. The system was created by, and is governed by, state statutes. Members of the board are public officers chosen by citizens to represent them and the state in the legislative management of public schools.

The board must implement statutory requirements pertaining to public education and implement local citizens' desires for educating the community's children and youth. While the board has an obligation to determine and assess citizens' desires, when citizens elect board members to represent them in the conduct of public education, they at the same time endow them with the authority to exercise their best judgment in determining policies, making decisions and approving procedures for carrying out their responsibilities.

The board therefore reaffirms and declares its intent to do the following:

- Maintain two-way communication with citizens of the district. The board will keep the public informed of the progress of the school district and will urge citizens to bring their aspirations and feelings about the public schools to the board's attention.
- Establish policies and make decisions on the basis of declared educational philosophy and goals.
- Act as a truly representative body for citizens of the district in matters involving public education.

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