

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

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7 **AS A MEMBER OF MY LOCAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I WILL STRIVE TO**
8 **IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND TO THAT END I WILL:**

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- 10 • Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed
11 concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
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 - 13 • Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at
14 public Board meetings;
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 - 16 • Make all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment and refuse
17 to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
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 - 19 • Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members and seek systematic
20 communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the
21 community;
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 - 23 • Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate
24 authority for the administration to the Superintendent or designee;
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 - 26 • Recognize and respect the responsibilities that properly are delegated to the
27 Superintendent or designee;
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 - 29 • Communicate to the Superintendent expression of public reaction to Board policies,
30 school programs, or staff;
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 - 32 • Inform myself about current educational issues, by individual study and through
33 participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the
34 Montana School Boards Association;
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 - 36 • Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist
37 on regular and impartial evaluation of staff;
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 - 39 • Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my Board
40 position for personal or partisan gain;
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 - 42 • Avoid compromising the Board or administration by inappropriate individual action or
43 comments and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under
44 applicable law;
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1 Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare and safety
2 of the students attending public schools.

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4 Policy History:

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