Executive Board Governance and Operations

Executive Board Member Code of Conduct

Each member of the Executive Board ascribes to the following code of conduct:

- 1. I will represent all Member District constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender my responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups.
- 2. I will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety, which could result from my position, and shall not use my Executive Board membership for personal gain or publicity.
- 3. I will recognize that an Executive Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at an Executive Board meeting.
- 4. I will take no private action that might compromise the Board or administration and shall respect the confidentiality of privileged information.
- 5. I will abide by majority decisions of the Executive Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.
- 6. I will encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Executive Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board.
- 7. I will prepare for, attend and actively participate in Executive Board meetings.
- 8. I will be sufficiently informed about and prepared to act on specific issues before the Executive Board and remain reasonably knowledgeable about local, state, national and global education issues.
- 9. I will respectfully listen to those who communicate with the Executive Board, seeking to understand their views, while recognizing my responsibility to represent the interests of the entire community.
- 10. I will strive for a positive working relationship with the Superintendent, respecting the Superintendent's authority to advise the Executive Board, implement Board policy and administer the District.

In addition, I shall encourage the Executive Board to pursue the following goals:

- 1. The development of educational programs which meet the individual needs of every student, regardless of ability, race, sex, creed, social standing, or disability;
- 2. The development of procedures for the regular and systematic evaluation of programs, staff performance and Executive Board operations to ensure progress toward educational and fiscal goals;
- 3. The development of effective Board policies which provide direction for the operation of the schools and delegate authority to the Superintendent for their administration;
- 4. The development of systematic communications, which ensure that the Board, administration, staff, students and community are fully informed and that the staff understands the community's aspirations for its schools; and
- 5. The development of sound business practices, which ensure that every dollar spent produces maximum benefits.

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