

As a member of my local board of education I will strive to improve public education, and to that end I will...

- ... attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- ... recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board meetings;
- ... render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
- ... encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members, and seek systematic communications between the board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;
- ... work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent;
- ... communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to board policies and school programs;
- ... inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards associations;
- ... support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
- ... avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain;
- ... take no private action that will compromise the board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; and
- ... remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

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