

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of the District is the legal entity for conducting public education within the District. The Board has the dual responsibility of implementing statutory requirements pertaining to public education and meeting the desires of local residents in matters concerning the education of their children.

The Board has an obligation to determine and assess the desires of local communities within the District. However, its decisions must be based on what is best for the District as a whole. It must be understood by the public that in electing members to the Board, citizens endow their representatives with the authority to exercise their best judgment in determining policies and making decisions.

The Board therefore declares its intent to:

1. Maintain two-way communications with residents of the District. The public shall be kept informed of the progress and challenges of the school district, and residents shall be urged to bring their aspirations and feelings about their public schools to the attention of the Board.

2. Establish policies and make decisions on the basis of what is best for the District as a whole as it works to provide quality education for children.

3. Act as a truly representative body for residents of all communities in the District in matters involving public education. The Board recognizes that ultimate responsibility for public education rests with the State, but that district boards of education have been assigned specific authority through statute. The Board shall assume its full statutory authority since it believes that control of the public schools should remain to the extent possible with a district board elected by district citizens.

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