

## **ARTICLE 7: INTERNAL OPERATIONS AND BY-LAW**

### **Concept and Role of Internal Operations**

#### **Code of Ethics**

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The board of education endorses the following Code of Ethics:

"As a member of my local board of education, representing all the citizens of my school system, I recognize:

- I. that my fellow citizens have entrusted me with the educational development of the children and youth of the community.
- II. that the public expects my first and greatest concern to be in the best interest of each and every one of these young people without distinction as to who they are or what their background may be.
- III. that the future welfare of this community, of this state, and of the nation depends on the largest measure upon the quality of education we provide in the public schools to fit the needs of every learner.
- IV. that my fellow board members and I must take the initiative in helping all the people of this community to have all the facts all the time about their schools, to the end that they will readily provide the finest possible school programs, school staff, and school facilities.
- V. that legally the authority of the board is derived from the state which ultimately controls the organization and operation of the school system and which determines the degree of discretionary power left with the board of education and the people of this community for the exercise of local autonomy.
- VI. that I must never neglect my personal obligation as a board member to the community and my legal obligation to the state, nor surrender these responsibilities to any other person, group, or organization; but that, beyond these, I have a moral and civic obligation to the nation which can remain strong and free only so long as public schools in the United States of America are kept free and strong."