Philosophy – Goals and Comprehensive Plans

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The Board of Trustees of the Lowell Joint School District believes that public education is of fundamental importance to a free society and to the continued development of our American Heritage. In order for education to succeed, there must be an ongoing partnership between parents, students, educators and the community.

- A. As the public school is the bulwark of American Democracy, the Board and the individual trustees should use every endeavor to make it an efficient instrument for training of children for responsible citizenship.
- B. The position of a trustee is one of public trust and responsibility. It is a trustee's duty to rise above partisanship and to keep in mind that a trustee represents at all times the entire community and that the schools are being maintained for the benefit of the whole public and not for any group or portion. A trustee must at all times strive to build up and maintain public confidence in the Board, in the employees and the work being done by the schools without foreclosing the right to seek sound improvement in any of these areas. The relations between the trustees, employees and the general public should be one of mutual frankness, confidence and sincerity. Trustees must be guided by loyalty, honesty of purpose and efficiency and expect such qualities in the school personnel.

The Board of Trustees adopts the following definitions for the development of sound and responsible educational policies:

<u>Educational Philosophy</u>: "Philosophy" means a composite statement of the major role and responsibilities of the educational program in the Lowell Joint School District.

<u>Educational Goals</u>: "Goal" means a statement of broad direction or intent that is general and timeless and is not concerned with a particular achievement within a specified time period.

Board Responsibility

The success of our educational system relies heavily on the development and implementation of evaluation processes that ensure the needs of the student our community, State and Nation are addressed.

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(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)
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(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 6010 - Goals and Objectives)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

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