

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Code of Ethics for School Board Members

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3 AS A MEMBER OF MY LOCAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I WILL STRIVE TO IMPROVE
4 PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND TO THAT END I WILL:

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6 Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible and become informed
7 concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;

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9 Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at public
10 Board meetings;

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12 Make all decisions based on available facts and my independent judgment and refuse to
13 surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;

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15 Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members and seek systematic
16 communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;

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18 Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority
19 for administration to the Superintendent;

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21 Recognize and respect the responsibilities that properly are delegated to the Superintendent;

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23 Communicate to the Superintendent expression of public reaction to Board policies, school
24 programs, or staff;

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26 Inform myself about current educational issues, by individual study and through participation in
27 programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the Montana and National
28 School Boards Associations;

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30 Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on
31 regular and impartial evaluation of staff;

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33 Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my Board position
34 for personal or partisan gain;

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36 Avoid compromising the Board or administration by inappropriate individual action or
37 comments and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law;

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39 Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of students
40 attending public schools.

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42 Policy History:

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