



BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

The Board's first concern is the educational welfare of our students. MEMBERS OF THE JAFFREY-RINDGE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD WILL STRIVE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND ENDEAVOR TO:

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

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 of Schools;

Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;

Be informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the state and national school board associations;

Support 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 his/her 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 or is received in confidence or non-public session;