Santa Barbara Unified School District
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CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

As a member of my Governing Board, I will strive to improve public education, and to that end and as consistent with existing law I will:

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

• Recognize that I should endeavor to 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 interests 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;

• Communicate to other board members and the superintendent expression of public reaction to board policies and school programs;

• Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards association;

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

• Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest;

• Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; and

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


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