

## The People and Their School District

The Board, in an effort to ensure and enhance the possibilities for excellence in the education of our children in a free society, presents and endorses this statement of policy on relations between this Board and the people it represents because of its conviction that (a) the public schools belong in every sense to the people who created them by consent and support them by taxation; (b) the schools are only as strong as the intelligent and informed support of the people of the community, and never any stronger; and (c) the support of the people must be based upon their knowledge of, their understanding about, and their participation in, the aims and efforts of the public schools.

The Board therefore reaffirms and declares its design and intent

--to keep the citizens of the district regularly and thoroughly informed through all the channels of communication on all the policies, programs, problems and planning of the school system and to carry out this policy through its own efforts, the offices of the superintendent, and such information officers as may be appointed;

--to invite the advice and counsel of the people of the school district at all times and especially at all meetings of the Board, except at executive sessions;

--and to solicit the sound thinking and studied counsel of the people through citizen advisory committees appointed to consider those problems which vitally affect the future of our children.

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Cross Reference:

District #001, Woods County, Oklahoma