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MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The United States Constitution leaves to the individual states the responsibility for public education.

The constitution of the state of Wisconsin provides for the establishment of free district schools "...which shall be as nearly uniform as practicable" and sets up the basis for school district organization and reorganization.

This district was originally known as Joint School District No. 1, et al. As of 5/13/76, in accordance with new legislation, the school board adopted "Medford Area Public School District" as the district's official name.

The Medford Area Public School District is classified as a common school district. It includes the municipalities of the city of Medford, the townships of Browning, Chelsea, Deer Creek, Goodrich, Grover, Hammel, Holway, Little Black, Maplehurst, Medford, Molitor, the village of Stetsonville, all in Taylor County, and the township of Bern in Marathon County. The district is under the management and control of a locally elected school board which acts as an agent of the state and governs the public schools in accordance with state law.

CROSS REFERENCE:
LEGAL REFERENCE: United States Constitution, Tenth Amendment, Wisconsin Constitution, Article X, Wis. Stats. 115.01(3) & 115.01(5)