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MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE ADOPTED: March 20, 1979 **FILE SECTOR:** FOUNDATIONS & BASIC
DATE REVISED: October 11, 1990 **COMMITMENTS**
DATE REVISED: October 17, 2002 **POLICY TITLE:** THE PEOPLE AND THEIR
DATE REVISED: July 16, 2009 **SCHOOL DISTRICT**
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Public schools belong to the people. The people govern the schools under rights guaranteed to them in the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Wisconsin. The people exercise their proprietorship through the elective process. They elect state and federal representatives who establish, through the legislature and Congress, the framework of law within which the schools operate. The people elect a board of education to represent them; to determine local educational plans and policies; and to establish publicly endorsed educational goals and objectives. Medford Area Public School District (MAPSD) Board of Education (BOE) functions as an agency of the public within this framework.

The BOE is mindful that the people are the ultimate governors of public education and that the BOE is directly accountable to the people through the elective process. The BOE also believes that accountability is a shared responsibility involving students, staff, district administrator, BOE and the people themselves.

MAPSD BOE recognizes that the people have vast resources of training and experience useful to schools. The strength of the local school district is in large measure determined by the degree to which these resources are tapped in an advisory way and to the degree that these resources are involved in supporting the improvement of the local educational program.

The BOE shall encourage the involvement of people both as individuals and as groups to act as advisors and resource people.

The advice of the people will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such advice, the first concern will be for the educational program as it affects the students. The final decision may depart from this advice when in the judgment of the staff and the BOE such advice is not consistent with goals and policies adopted by the BOE, current educational practice or within the reach of the financial resources available.

CROSS REFERENCE: AA, AEA, BBA, BBB, BCF, BDDH & IICB
LEGAL REFERENCE: Wis. Constitution, Article X, Section 3