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MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE ADOPTED:	**March 20, 1979**	**FILE SECTOR:**	**FOUNDATIONS & BASIC COMMITMENTS**
DATE REVISED:	**October 11, 1990**		
DATE REVISED:	**October 17, 2002**	**POLICY TITLE:**	**THE PEOPLE AND THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT**
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The 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. The Medford Area Public School District Board of Education functions as an agency of the public within this framework.

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

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