KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

Acting on behalf of the people of the community, the school board will fulfill the following functions:

**Vision:**

The board, with participation by the community, shall envision the future of the school district's educational program and formulate goals, define outcomes and set the course for the school district. This will be done with a commitment to educational excellence and equity for all students.

**Creating Conditions for Student and Staff Success:**

To achieve the vision, the board will establish a structure which reflects local circumstances and creates an environment designed to ensure all students the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework. The board’s primary role is to employ a superintendent who is charged with the day-to-day operations of the district. The board develops and approves policies, adopts budgets, establishes expectations for staff and students, and nurtures a climate conducive to continuous improvement.

**High Expectations for Student Learning:**

The board will continuously articulate the belief that all students can learn and that student’s learning can improve regardless of existing circumstances or resources. The board will act as leaders of a vision of shared learning that is supported by individual schools and the community.

**Accountability for Student Learning:**

The board's accountability to the community will ensure a system of assessment of conditions affecting education, and progress towards goals. The public will be kept informed about programs and progress. Staff and board training will be provided to ensure continuous improvement of student achievement.

**Advocacy:**

The board shall serve as education’s key advocate on behalf of students and their schools. The board will work to advance the community's vision for its schools, pursue the district's goals, encourage progress and energize systemic change.
Cross References:  
Board Policy 1310  Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures  
1810  Annual Goals and Objectives  
1820  Evaluation of the Board

Management Resource:
Washington School Board Standards (Adopted June 27, 2009)  
*Policy News*, February 2012  Model Policies Aligned with Washington School Board Standards

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