

POWERS AND PHILOSOPHY

0123 **Philosophy of the Board**

A Board of Education is a legal entity for providing a system of public education within a geographic area of the State of Illinois. The system was created by, and is governed by, State statutes. Members of a Board are chosen by citizens to represent them and the State in the governance of the local schools.

The Board has the dual responsibility for implementing statutory requirements pertaining to public education and for meeting the desires of residents.

The Board declares and, thereby, reaffirms its intent to:

- A. maintain two-way communication with citizens of the District. The Board shall keep the community informed as to the status of the School District, and the citizens shall be urged to bring their aspirations and concerns about the District to the attention of this body.
- B. establish policies and make decisions taking into consideration declared educational philosophy and goals.
- C. act as a truly representative body for citizens in all matters related to programs and operations. The Board recognizes that ultimate responsibility for public education rests with the State, but the Board of Education has been assigned specific authority through statute, and the Board shall not relinquish or fail to exercise that authority.

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