



**ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Subject: Ceremonial Oath of Office & School Board Operating Norms**

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE**

It is an honor that you were elected to guide the education of our community's children. As you recite the oath of office, you assume a tremendous responsibility as a director of our school district with the duties empowered by the Minnesota Legislature. This power puts you and the other members of our school board in the position of being both morally and legally responsible for equitable, quality education of every student in the district.

In carrying out this responsibility, you will be asked to fulfill the roles of vision, structure, accountability, and advocacy. In providing vision, the board, with extensive participation of the community, envisions the community's educational future and then formulates the goals, defines the outcomes and sets the course for the public schools.

To achieve the vision, the board establishes a structure and creates an environment designed to ensure all students the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework.

Because as a board we must be accountable to the community, we must ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children.

As board members, we serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community schools to advance the vision for our schools.

Furthermore, we must strive to work together with the superintendent and staff to lead the district toward fulfilling the vision we have created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills and knowledge, citizenship and personal development.

Having previously signed the acceptance of office and oath of office, we hereby ask Board members to publicly affirm their commitment to the oath of office:

**I affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, and that I will discharge faithfully the duties of the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 883 to the best of my judgment and ability.**

Enclosed is Policy 209 Code of Ethics for your review.