

School Board Member Oath of Office



"I, _____,
do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I
will faithfully discharge the duties of
the office of member of the Board of
Education (or Board of School Directors)
of _____,
in accordance with the Constitution of
the United States, the Constitution of the
State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of
Illinois, to the best of my ability.

"I further swear (or affirm) that:

"I shall respect taxpayer interests by
serving as a faithful protector of the school
district's assets;

"I shall encourage and respect the free
expression of opinion by my fellow board
members and others who seek a hearing
before the board, while respecting the
privacy of students and employees;

"I shall recognize that a board member has
no legal authority as an individual and that
decisions can be made only by a majority
vote at a public board meeting;

"I shall abide by majority decisions of the
board, while retaining the right to seek
changes in such decisions through ethical
and constructive channels;

"As part of the Board of Education (or
Board of School Directors, as the case may
be), I shall accept the responsibility for my

role in the equitable and quality education
of every student in the school district;

"I shall foster with the board
extensive participation of the
community, formulate goals, define
outcomes, and set the course for
_____;

"I shall assist in establishing a structure
and an environment designed to ensure
all students have the opportunity to
attain their maximum potential through
a sound organizational framework;

"I shall strive to ensure a continuous
assessment of student achievement and
all conditions affecting the education
of our children, in compliance with
State law;

"I shall serve as education's key
advocate on behalf of students
and our community's school (or
schools) to advance the vision for
_____; and

"I shall strive to work together with
the district superintendent to lead the
school district toward fulfilling the
vision the board has created, fostering
excellence for every student in the
areas of academic skills, knowledge,
citizenship, and personal development."

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BOARD MEMBER

DISTRICT

BOARD PRESIDENT

SUPERINTENDENT

DATE