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The Board of Education believes that pupils should be encouraged to participate appropriately in the governance of various school activities. As institutions fundamental to the operation of a democratic society, the schools should strive to exemplify the democratic ideal of citizen participation in decision making.

The Board directs that pupils be invited to participate, as appropriate to the pupils' ages and interests, in deliberations and decisions regarding pupil conduct and the disciplinary code, curriculum planning, co-curriculum planning, grading systems, safety programs, the selection of resource materials, and the scheduling of the school day. Pupil participation should fairly represent the interests of the entire student body, and participants should be duly elected representatives of student organizations.

Suggestions for the improvement of the schools may be offered by any pupil. Suggestions should be constructive and contribute toward the realization of the educational goals of the district.

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