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Attached is a copy of the VSBA Sample Code of Conduct for School Board Members. Copies of the Code of Conduct were mailed to new school board members with their new member board packets Please be sure to notify the VSBA when and if your board has signed the Code of Conduct.

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VSBA Code of Conduct for School Board Members

As a member of my local school board, I will strive to be an advocate for students and to improve public education and to that end:

1. I will have integrity in all matters and support the full development of all children and the welfare of the community, Commonwealth and Nation.

2. I will attend scheduled board meetings.

3. I will come to board meetings informed concerning the issues under consideration.

4. I will make policy decisions based on the available facts and appropriate public input.

5. I will delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent, and establish a process for accountability of administrators.

6. I will encourage individual board member expression of opinion and establish an open, two-way communication process with all segments of the community.

7. I will communicate, in accordance with board policies, public reaction and opinion regarding board policies and school programs to the full board and superintendent.

8. I will bring about desired changes through legal and ethical procedures, upholding and enforcing all laws, state regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools.

9. I will refrain from using the board position for personal or partisan gain and avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety.

10. I will respect the confidentiality of privileged information and make no individual decisions or commitments that might compromise the board or administration.

11. I will be informed about current educational issues through individual study and participation in appropriate programs, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards associations.

12. I will always remember that the foremost concern of the board is to improve and enhance the teaching and learning experience for all students in the public schools of Virginia.

Therefore, I will always strive to demonstrate appropriate behavior/conduct as a public school board member. (Each member of this school board voting to adopt this Code should sign.)

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