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When a School Board accepts the responsibility of providing the best possible educational opportunities for young people, it also commits itself to an operation that guarantees a system of open communication with its citizenry. To this end, the Superintendent and Board shall maintain an open line of communications between the citizens of the county and the school system. It is the firm belief of the members of the Preston County Board of Education that:

- ❖ The public schools belong to the people who create them by consent and support them by taxation;
- ❖ The school can only be as strong as the informed and knowledgeable support of the citizenry and the school staff; and
- ❖ This support must be based on the knowledge of, understanding about, and participation in the aims and efforts of the school system.

The Board believes it is essential to the development of excellence in the educational program that the goals, achievements, activities, and operations of the school system be conveyed to students, staff, parents, and citizens. To that end, we, the Board members, commit ourselves to:

- ❖ Keep the employees and citizens of the school system regularly and accurately informed through appropriate means of communication;
- ❖ To solicit the advice and counsel of employees, students, parents, and citizens on the basic issues through appropriate channels;
- ❖ To charge the administrative, instructional and operational personnel of the system, as well as ourselves, with the duty to carry out this policy as an integral part of regular activities and responsibilities;
- ❖ To cooperate with the news media, as the primary purveyors of public information, recognizing their rights and responsibility to publish information; and
- ❖ To develop, implement and maintain an organized and continuing program of improved communication between the Central Office and its employees and the public; and
- ❖ Board members and staff shall make themselves available to carry out any communicative assignment that will serve the best interest of the Preston County Schools.

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