



Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District

Board of Education

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PROPOSED COMBINATION OF BOARD AGREEMENTS DRAFT 8/2/16

Ken-Ton School District Board of Education Governance and Communications Agreement

The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda School District Board of Education members agree that:

- They will strive to keep the board focused on its primary work of valuing and upholding student success as the fundamental principle for all decisions.
- They will be stewards and guardians of the District's values, vision and mission.
- They will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take private action that may compromise the board.
- They will refuse to surrender independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- They will monitor District educational, administrative and financial performance against clearly defined standards.
- They will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or schools.
- They will take no private action that might compromise the board or administration and will respect the confidentiality of privileged information.
- They will encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by fellow board members and will participate in board discussions in an open, honest and respectful manner, honoring differences of opinion or perspective.
- They will prepare for, attend, and actively participate in school board meetings.
- They will respectfully listen to those who communicate with the board, seeking to understand their views while recognizing the responsibility to represent the interests of the entire community.
- They will model continuous learning and work to ensure good governance by taking advantage of board member development opportunities, such as those sponsored by state and national school board associations.
- They will strive to build and exercise a relationship with the superintendent that is constructive and positive and which enables district staff to function as effectively as possible.
- They understand that the board makes decisions as a team.
- They will take accountability for their performance as a governing body.
- They will practice the highest levels of ethics and integrity.
- They will use intra Board Member electronic communication only to convey information, and not to conduct the business of the board.

We educate, prepare and inspire all students to achieve their highest potential.