MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

The Governing Board recognizes that America has always been a multicultural society composed of diverse peoples who came here, willingly or not, from all parts of the globe. Public schools are the most common shared experience for most Americans, and it is the job of the schools to preserve and perpetuate our common pluralistic culture and to accurately reflect the contributions of all ethnic groups to the common culture.

Students must learn to respect and work cooperatively with persons of all backgrounds, recognizing that we all have equal claim to the American culture which we have collectively created and which we share. Instruction should help students realize the value of individual differences, as well as the human dignity and worth common to all people. Education that emphasizes what we have in common can weld the country together and provide the basis for understanding, trust, and effective communication.