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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** SUPERINTENDENT  
**FROM:** DR. MICHAEL D. JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** IASB 2009-2010 DUES  
**DATE:** JULY 2009

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THANK YOU for committing to active membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards for 2009-2010. We've received payment of your dues, and a Certificate of Membership is enclosed.

Please let each of your board members know how grateful IASB staff is to be working with them and you in the coming year for the betterment of Illinois public schools. We all recognize the effectiveness of statewide cooperation in solving problems education faces today, the power of joint action in presenting our case to the legislature and the importance of maintaining high standards in school governance.

IASB staff is developing new programs and procedures to help you perform your duties as school officials as smoothly and effectively as possible. Be assured that every staff member stands ready to assist you and your board in any way he or she can.

If you have questions about what your Association offers or how the staff might serve you, visit IASB's web site at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). In addition to a review of programs and activities, you will find information about services available directly over the Internet. Also, a brochure entitled, "What you know about YOUR Association may be just the tip of the iceberg," was mailed with your dues invoice/membership letter. It provides an excellent overview of what IASB members receive through their membership.

Again, thank you for joining in another year of progress toward excellence in school governance and improvement in our state's ability to educate tomorrow's citizens.



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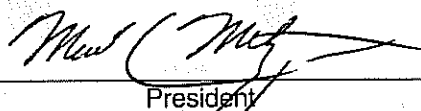
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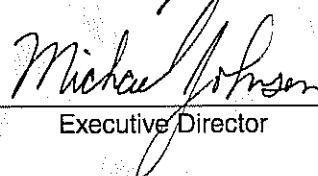
**Geneseo Community  
Unit School  
District 228**

is an

**ACTIVE MEMBER**

and is entitled to all the  
rights, benefits, and  
services attached thereto.

  
President

  
Executive Director

**2009/2010**

# Code of Conduct

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## for members of school boards

As a member of my local board of education, I shall do my utmost to represent the public interest in education by adhering to the following commitments:

1. I shall represent all school district constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender my responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups.
2. I shall avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from my position, and shall not use my board membership for personal gain or publicity.
3. I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a board meeting.
4. I shall take no private action that might compromise the board or administration and shall respect the confidentiality of privileged information.
5. I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.
6. I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board.
7. I shall be involved and knowledgeable about not only local educational concerns, but also about state and national issues.

In addition, I shall encourage my board of education to pursue the following goals:

1. The development of educational programs which meet the individual needs of every student, regardless of ability, race, sex, creed, or social standing.
2. The development of procedures for the regular and systematic evaluation of programs, staff performance, and board operations to ensure progress toward educational and fiscal goals.
3. The development of effective school board policies which provide direction for the operation of the schools
- and delegate authority to the superintendent for their administration.
4. The development of systematic communications which ensure that the school board, administration, staff, students, and community are fully informed and that the staff understands the community's aspirations for its schools.
5. The development of sound business practices which ensure that every dollar spent produces maximum benefits.

