

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT

As citizens of the United States of America, we cherish our heritage of freedom and government under law as expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. We regard this freedom as a sacred trust which imposes upon each of us an obligation to help build a society in which respect for the individual is recognized as the basis of all human rights. In such a society, opportunity is provided for the advancement of the social, educational, economic, political, and spiritual welfare of all the citizens. We believe that free public education in America rests on a firm commitment to the recognition of the dignity and worth of each individual, to the preeminence of enlightenment and reason over force or coercion, and to government by the consent of the governed. Further, we believe that free public education provides the principal means for the achievement of these ends by the individual and by the nation.