## **Mission-Goals-Objectives**

## Code of Ethics

This Code of Ethics is based upon "Standards of Leadership for Members of Boards of Education" recommended by the CABE Board of Directors in 1977:

- 1. I will be a staunch advocate of high quality free public education for all learners served by CREC. In fulfilling my responsibilities, I will think of "children and families first".
- 2. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules, regulations, and court orders pertaining to public schools. I will strive to bring any needed change only through legal and ethical procedures.
- 3. I will strive to help create programs which meet the individual educational needs of all children and families.
- 4. I will work to help my community understand the importance of support for public education.
- 5. I will join with the Council, staff, community, and students in becoming fully informed about the nature, value, and direction of contemporary education in our society. I will support continuous improvement in our programs and organization.
- 6. I will seek and respect the opinions of others, and abide by the principle of majority-rule.
- 7. I will recognize that authority rests only with the whole Council assembled in public meeting, and will make no personal promises or take any private action which may compromise the Council.
- 8. I will acknowledge that the Council represents the entire region. I will never use my position on the Council for personal gain.
- 9. I accept the responsibility of managing appropriate boundaries of confidentiality regarding Council matters.
- 10. I will insist that all CREC business transactions be open and ethical.
- 11. I will strive to appoint the best professional leader available when a vacancy exists in the chief administrative position.
- 12. I will strive to appoint the best personnel available, upon recommendation by the appropriate administrative officer.
- 13. I will refer all complaints through the proper "chain of command" within the system.

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