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The overall philosophy of Snake River School District #52 is to continually strive for excellence in our efforts to improve and develop education for all students. The Board of Trustees believes that the school district should provide outstanding administrative, instructional, and support staffs, along with the physical facilities that offer the best possible opportunities for learning in a safe environment. This philosophy includes the following areas of commitment:

**Preparing Students for the Future** - We recognize the unique learning potential of each student and the ever-increasing level of educational and technical competence required for student success. We share responsibility with the student, the family, and the community in developing a basic curriculum to prepare each student for future educational or career opportunities.

**Collaboration with Parent/Guardian and Community** - We encourage public participation in our efforts to educate children. We serve as a catalyst in bringing together our diverse community resources to better educate children. We promote parental/guardian involvement in their children's education, both at home and at school.

**Human Resources**- We value our employees and the contributions they make in educating our children. We expect and encourage our employees to achieve high performance, maintain ethical and professional standards, and be active members of the learning community.

**Learning and Working Conditions**- We strive for a safe educational environment, with appropriate physical facilities, to support learning and teaching. We promote responsible citizenship, communication skills, basic human values/character development, and positive classroom discipline. We offer each student opportunities for obtaining knowledge, experience, skills, and technology competencies to best prepare them with necessary academic and work-force skills to compete and contribute in an ever-changing society.

**Change**- We anticipate and adjust to changes in our community as they affect the education of children. We advocate for strategic planning, collaboration, and site-based school improvement.

**Stewardship and Accountability**- We aspire to be efficient and effective managers of the resources entrusted to us. We collect data and make data-based decisions driven by our educational philosophy, beliefs, values and goals. We strive for continuous improvement and maintaining accountability to our resource providers by regularly reporting on our performance.