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Code of Conduct

- A. As a member of the Board of Directors, I will uphold the Bylaws and policies of NJSBA and will confine my actions to policymaking, planning, and review, and such other duties as are appropriate to my position or as assigned by the President.
- B. I recognize that NJSBA authority is vested in the Delegate Assembly, Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and I will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the Association.
- C. I refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interests or use my position or title of office for personal or financial gain, or for the personal or financial gain of others. This does not preclude me from representing my local district's interests concerning public education and NJSBA governance matters.
- D. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the Association which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the Association.
- E. I will support and protect the staff of NJSBA in the proper performance of their duties.
- F. I will carry out my responsibility, not to act as part of the administration of the Association; but together with the Board of Directors, see that the Association is properly administered.
- G. I will refer all concerns to the President and/or Ethics Committee Chairperson, as appropriate, and will pursue the matter with the Board of Directors only if the concern remains unresolved.
- H. I recognize that noncompliance with this code as adopted by the Board of Directors may result in disciplinary measures up to and including removal from office.
- I. Except for the unauthorized disclosure of matters deemed confidential by Association policy, no school board member who serves in an Association governance capacity or candidate for Association office shall be sanctioned, reprimanded, censured or otherwise penalized by the Association for any action that is not unlawful, either administratively, civilly or criminally, under the laws of the United States and the State of New Jersey, in connection with an expression of support for or in opposition to any candidate who has been nominated for Association office either by the Nominating Committee or by petition.

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