

## **STATEMENT OF ETHICS FOR THE SIMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Members of the Simons Middle School Council, while representing teachers, parents, and school administrators, have the educational welfare of the students served by the school as its highest priority. We acknowledge that the school belongs to the public it serves and that our responsibilities as a council member requires gathering and giving accurate information and making decisions that will be in the best interest of the students. We further acknowledge that we can best meet our responsibilities when we work as a team, show respect for one another, show honesty, and demonstrate a commitment to the school and to our responsibilities.

Refraining from discussing information that can be detrimental to a person or a group is a behavioral standard by which the council will abide.

The responsibilities of the council and these acknowledgments require each council member to maintain standards of exemplary professional behavior. Each council member and the council as a whole will be observed and appraised by the faculty, students, and community. In the interest of the school and each student served by the school, the council subscribes to the following statements of ethical standards.

Members of the council shall:

- Make the well-being of students the fundamental value in all decision making actions.
- Fulfill responsibilities with honesty and integrity.
- Obey local, state, and national laws.
- Abide by policies set by the council.
- Demonstrate a willingness to work as a team.
- Demonstrate a willingness to compromise in the interest of the welfare of students.
- Show support of decisions made by the council.
- Avoid sharing information that is considered confidential by the council.
- Represent his/her constituency group as accurately as possible.
- Demonstrate commitment to the work of the council and to the school.
- Avoid using positions for personal gain through political, social, religious, economic, or other influence.
- Demonstrate respect for all people regardless of race, national origin, sex, religion, and political affiliations.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2016.

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**Simons Middle School Council Member**