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**ROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOALS 2007 - 2008**

We are a K-8 community public school dedicated to excellence. Our mission is to build a solid educational foundation for all students while inspiring, guiding and challenging them to learn and reach out to the world with compassion, integrity and courage.

Governance Area: Curriculum

Board Liaison: Rob Hobart, Site Council
Ross Board of Trustees

Rationale: The school board is responsible for adopting a district curriculum, which reflects the community's vision for student learning in its public schools and is responsible for providing support for the effective implementation of that curriculum.

The role of the board in curriculum and program accountability goes to the very heart of education. This role centers on the core issue of what students should learn and how well they should learn it. In essence, once the district vision is set, all other board roles support the board's fundamental responsibility to achieve the portion of the district vision dedicated to student learning.

Board Role:

1. Set a direction for the district curriculum that flows from the district vision for student learning
2. Ensure there is an ongoing curriculum development and review process in place
3. Adopt a curriculum which, when implemented effectively, will achieve the desired results
4. Provide support for the effective implementation of the curriculum
5. Keep informed on major curriculum issues, trends and improvements
6. Provide community leadership communicating the adopted curriculum to the community at large

Goal	Strategies & Action Steps	Responsibility	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
To develop a curriculum review calendar with a regular review cycle and which matches State adoption for all content elements.	Review state adoption cycle for each state curriculum area, Ross School program area, ETF programs and NCLB requirements. Hold Board workshop on curriculum adoptions cycle responsibilities and recommend Board approval of curriculum cycle. Review cycle each year and update Board on yearly curriculum focus	Superintendent	2007-2008 2007-2008 Annually by Board agenda calendar	Board approved adoption cycle 2007-2008 Governance Workshops Annual Board Calendar

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To coordinate budget development and textbook monies with the curriculum adoption cycle	Financial Advisory Council long-term planning Aligning State textbook monies with CDE adoption cycle	Superintendent Financial Advisory Council Board of Trustees	Ongoing – budget cycle	Adopted budgets Social studies K-8 adopted Spring 2007 Science adopted August 2007 Math – June 2008
To develop and utilize curriculum maps in all content areas	Curriculum map for one subject to be completed each year. Yearly Board presentations	Superintendent Principal Staff Principal Staff	2005- ongoing Board calendar	Completed maps and public maps online Board agenda