The official name of the school district shall be the Grand Rapids Public School District and the District shall operate as a general powers school district. The legal basis for the Grand Rapids Public School District is vested in the will of the people as expressed in the Michigan Constitution, the statutes pertaining to education, various court interpretations, and the powers implied by the above.

The Board, on its own behalf and on behalf of the electors of the school district, retains and reserves unto itself, without limitations, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Michigan and/or the United States and those outlined in the Michigan School Code.

It is the intent of the Board through its policies to establish direction and general and long-range operational procedures for the care and custody, establishment, maintenance, management and carrying on of the public schools and property of the District as authorized under current law.

Whenever the words “Superintendent,” “Assistant Superintendent,” or “Principal” appear in these policies and rules, the words “or designated representative” shall be assumed to follow. The delegation of authority of administrative actions does not relieve the Superintendent or other administrators of the responsibility of the actions of their designated representatives.

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