

# EXHIBIT

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### Character and Citizenship Objectives

#### Character Objectives

1. Personal integrity and honesty rooted in respect for the truth, intellectual curiosity, and love of learning
2. A sense of duty to self, family, school, and community
3. Self-esteem rooted in the recognition of one's potential
4. Respect for the rights of all persons regardless of their race, religion, sex, age, physical condition, or mental state
5. A recognition of the right of others to hold and express differing views, combined with the capacity to make discriminating judgments among competing opinions
6. A sense of justice, rectitude, fair play, and a commitment to them
7. A disposition of understanding, sympathy, concern, and compassion for others
8. A sense of discipline and pride in one's work, respect for the achievements of others
9. Respect for one's property and the property of others, including public property
10. Courage to express one's convictions

#### Citizenship Objectives

1. Patriotism: love, respect, and loyalty to the United States of America, and the willingness to correct its imperfections by legal means
2. An understanding of the rights and obligations of a citizen in a democratic society

3. An understanding of other societies in the world which do not enjoy the rights and privileges of a democratic government
4. Respect for the U.S. Constitution, the rule of law, and the right of every citizen to enjoy equality under the law. An understanding of the Bill of Rights and a recognition that all rights are limited by other rights and by obligations
5. Respect for legitimate authority at the local, state, and federal level
6. Allegiance to the concept of democratic government as opposed to totalitarian rule. A recognition that democratic government is limited by the separation of powers and by the countervailing role of other institutions in a pluralistic society -- principally, the family, religion, the school, and the private sector of the economy
7. Recognition of the need for an independent court system to protect the rights of all citizens
8. An acceptance of all citizenship responsibilities at the local, state, and national levels and a commitment to preserve and defend the United States and its democratic institutions