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### **Authority**

The authority to establish, equip, furnish, operate and maintain the public schools of Upper St. Clair School District is vested in the Board of School Directors, which is a body corporate and is constituted and governed by Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Statutes, the Public School Code of 1949 as amended, Article III of the Pennsylvania Constitution and applicable federal and state laws and regulations. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

### **Powers**

The Board shall establish such schools as are required for the education of every student residing in Upper St. Clair School District between the ages of six (6) and twenty-one (21) years who may attend school; shall equip, furnish, operate, and maintain the schools; shall adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the management of school affairs and the conduct and deportment of employees and students; and shall levy and collect taxes as may be necessary, in addition to the annual state appropriation, for the exercise of aforesaid powers. [\[2\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)[\[15\]](#)

The Board shall act as the general agent of the residents of the school district in matters of public education. It shall establish educational goals and academic standards for district schools and govern an educational program designed to meet those goals and standards and to support student achievement. The Board shall be responsible for establishing, maintaining and evaluating the educational programs in district schools, and for enforcing mandatory laws and regulations. [\[3\]](#)[\[16\]](#)[\[17\]](#)

The Board, in accordance with its statutory mandate, shall adopt Board procedures for its own operation, and policies for the guidance of the Superintendent in the operation of the school district. Board procedures and policies shall be consistent with law, have a rational and substantial relationship to a legitimate purpose of the Board, and be directed towards the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education in this district. [\[9\]](#)[\[18\]](#)

The powers of the Board of School Directors are not vested in the individual Board member. No such individual is authorized to act on behalf of the Board to carry out any of the Board's authorized powers, except for those acts stated in law. [\[3\]](#)