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We of the Colonial School District believe that the following are the objectives of education for all youth:

- 1. The establishment of basic skills so students may have the foundation for making adjustments to changing conditions.*
- 2. The development of specific skills and abilities of each Child in accordance with his capacities.*
- 3. The cultivation of ideals and morals which maintain the best traditions of our society.*
- 4. Institution of a comprehensive, enriched program of studies for superior students and a program to meet the needs in the remedial field or in special education.*
- 5. Provision of adequate experiences for the proper adjustment to post-high school situation.*
- 6. Adoption of a program broad enough to meet individual differences and thereby give every student and opportunity to meet graduation requirements.*
- 7. Teaching of the dignity of work and its commonness of purpose among all men.*
- 8. Discovery of the value of well-adjusted family living, worthy use of leisure time, and the beauty of life around us.*

In striving for these aims, we feel that democracy and the implied democratic procedure is the best method of attaining permanent results with the youth of our communities. To exercise democratic procedures, we feel that the school must provide opportunities for increasing intelligent self-direction. As our students grow

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and are willing to accept and carry out responsibility, they should be given more opportunity to increase this experience. It is our hope to make them intelligent, self-directed citizens who are capable of solving their problems on a realistic basis.

We believe the staff must be alert to emotional currents in the classroom and succeed in identifying the human concerns of the pupils, so they may be properly guided. We need, therefore, continued adequate financing, research and study, and cooperative planning for the administration of the total school program.

We believe that all of the human and physical resources of the school and community be used to the greatest advantage of the youth of Plymouth, Whitmarsh, and Conshohocken.

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