

### **LOCAL PURCHASING**

The Board of Education recognizes its position as a major purchaser in the community, and while it is the intention of the Board to purchase materials and supplies of quality at the lowest possible cost through widespread competition, if all other considerations are equal, the Board prefers to purchase within the district from established local merchants.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to award purchases placed in accordance with law, this policy, and all policies of the Board otherwise applicable to local merchants when their quotation is competitive, freight charges are a factor, maintenance service may be required, and promptness of delivery is a consideration provided that all statutes pertaining to public purchasing are duly observed.