

## **PHILOSOPHY OF VARNUM PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The fundamental goal of the Varnum Public Schools is to provide educational opportunity so that all students will be enabled to function in a suitable manner as contributing members of the community in which they live.

The task of educators and of an informed public is to organize the educational system in such a way as to help students to achieve personal growth and understanding and to cultivate to the maximum their intellectual, moral, and aesthetic capacities. It is not enough to supply them with facts that often only have incidental or temporary importance. The students must acquire the tools of learning: they must learn to read, to think, and to communicate. They must be creative when they apply their learning. They must be able to employ the scientific method. They must be detached and yet committed to human betterment. They must be tolerant, informed, and independent. Such persons will be genuinely free and will protect and perpetuate the institutions of a free society.

Education provides the student with a mastery of fundamental principles in the humanities, in the social and natural sciences and in technology to serve the economical, cultural or long-range interests of an advancing society.

With this in mind, we believe that the school and community should study their needs in order to determine the curricular offerings and make adjustments when needed.