

## **SCHOOL SYSTEM'S LEGAL STATUS**

**The Decatur City School System is under the exclusive control and management of the Board of Education, herein referred to as the Board, a body duly authorized by the State Legislature. The school system is subject to legislative action and acts as an agent of the State.**

**The Board shall operate the school system in accordance with constitutional and statutory provisions. Responsibility for interpreting these provisions shall rest with the Superintendent except where formal interpretations of such provisions have been made by courts or another constitutional authority.**

**As members of an instrumentality created by the State, Board members are officers of the State, but they have local jurisdiction. Board members have authority only when functioning as a "body" or "group" in legally called regular or special meetings. The powers of the Board are delegated only to the Board as a "body." No authority is granted to members acting as individuals.**

**ADOPTED:**

**LEGAL REF: Act No. 95-363, §9; Code of Alabama, 1975, §16-11-2; Alabama Constitution, 1901, §256, as amended by Amendments No. 111 & 553; Code of Alabama, 1975, §§16-11-2(a) & 16-11-9**