

# BUILDING

## A FOUNDATION

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### Establishing Goals and the Role of a High School Newspaper

#### **TO INFORM**

To attempt to describe what is going on in school as completely as possible within the limitations of 4, 8 or 12 pages.

#### **TO CLARIFY**

To help readers understand issues, situations, events, rules and changes. To prove the falseness or truth of rumors. To put things in perspective.

#### **TO SERVE AS A FORUM**

To present thoughts, opinions, suggestions, complaints, points of view, expressions of anger, frustration, outrage and good will through letters to the editor, opinion columns, editorials and news and feature articles.

#### **TO REPORT CONFLICTS AND CONTROVERSIES**

To present, accurately and fairly, situations in which there is a difference of opinion.

#### **TO SERVE AS A GADFLY, A WATCHDOG AND A CRITIC**

To prod people and organizations; to serve as a monitor for the public good; to help the school and those who learn and work in it by being critical of what the paper thinks is wrong.

#### **TO BE THE STUDENTS' ADVOCATE**

To take the side of students; to look after their interests; to speak for students when they cannot speak for themselves. And, in all cases, to do so fairly, judiciously and decently.

#### **TO HELP STUDENTS COPE WITH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL LIFE**

To publish articles, columns, letters, announcements and ads which help students with situations and problems relating to their educational, emotional, social and spiritual lives.

#### **TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER**

To serve as a uniting force among the school's disparate groups by promoting interaction, school tradition, school spirit and the development of community.

#### **TO OFFER STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE**

To serve as an outlet for virtually every kind of writing talent and interest existing among students, from reporting to poetry, but excluding fiction.



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