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The Bourne School Committee recognizes that there may be conditions in the school system that are in need of improvement and that students should have some means by which their concerns may be effectively expressed, considered, and dealt with fairly. Such means, if well-conceived and understood in advance, can do much to maintain harmonious relationships among the schools, students and community.

The traditional "open door" policy in the public school system will be continued. Students, parents and/or guardians, who believe that the students have received unfair treatment in the form of disciplinary action, will have the right to appeal. Any acceptable provisions of the Massachusetts General Law or federal law will be followed by school officials in conducting hearings and reviews of student grievances.

Every attempt will be made to seek a satisfactory solution to any legitimate grievance in a friendly and informal manner. In order to keep such discussions within a practical size, no more than six student representatives will be permitted to participate with the principal, staff members, or School Committee members who may be involved.

Policy References:

M.G.L. 76:17

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