

SCHOOL ATTORNEY

The School Committee may enter into an agreement for legal services with a specific attorney or law firm. The School Committee Attorney serves on a retainer or other fee arrangement as determined in advance. The School committee Attorney will provide services as described in the agreement for legal services. The District will only pay for legal services that are provided in accordance with the agreement for legal services or are otherwise authorized by this policy or a majority of the School committee.

The Superintendent, his/her designee, and School Committee Chair, are each authorized to confer with and/or seek the legal advice of the School Committee Attorney. The School Committee may authorize a specific member to confer with legal counsel on its behalf. The chair may request legal action from the Committee counsel as directed by the Committee.

The Superintendent may authorize the School Committee Attorney to represent the District in any legal matter until the School Committee has an opportunity to consider the matter.

The School Committee retains the right to consult with or employ other attorneys and to terminate the service of any attorney.

A simple majority of School Committee members present at any meeting may decide to seek legal advice or assistance from the School Committee Attorney.

Individual members may consult with legal counsel on matters directly related to fulfilling their duties as a member of the School Committee after notifying the chair.

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