

FOREWORD

The Board of Education, as a legally constituted body of elected representatives, bears the responsibility of setting policy for the Pittsford Central School District. The Board acts in accordance with the authority and responsibility vested in it by law on behalf of Pittsford Central School District citizens.

The Board will strive to meet the following goals:

- a) To interpret and evaluate the educational needs and aspirations of the community and to meet them through the formulation of policies which provide for the needs of the student and promote an effective learning environment/process.
- b) To govern the District in accordance with Board policy, never abdicating its own responsibility to make decisions except when required by law to refer to the electorate.
- c) To provide leadership in the formulation of goals and long range plans of the District. The Board will act to achieve these goals by evaluating District programs, planning, and policy making. The Superintendent is responsible for the administration of the policies and plans of the Board.
- d) To carefully analyze District concerns and, where practical, to consult constituents for advice and suggestions.
- e) The Board shall strive to meet during the summer months to create a set of annual goals.

Policy is defined as a basic plan of action. It establishes limits within which freedom of judgment can be exercised.

Policy is a governing principle of management. It is a statement that has an effect on the interests of those who come under its jurisdiction. A policy may originate from the constitution, from statute, from local determinations and/or from customary patterns of formal behavior.

Policy should accomplish the following:

- a) State a position taken by the District;
- b) Grant the authority to act;
- c) Be sufficiently detailed to give adequate direction;
- d) Be achievable within the real environment of the school and community;
- e) Provide for impartial procedures.

In addition to the adopted policies, the operation of the District is governed by and subject to all applicable Laws, Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Civil Service requirements, Board Resolutions, School Administrative Regulations and Contracts of Agreement.

If any part of this manual is made invalid by judicial decision or legislative or administrative enactment, all other parts shall remain in full effect unless and until they are amended or repealed by the Board. The official record of the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the bylaws and policies of the Pittsford Central School District shall be the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Education.

Contained herein are the policy statements formulated by the Board of Education of the Pittsford Central School District.

MISSION STATEMENT

Pittsford Central School District, in partnership with the community, is dedicated to developing the potential of each student. Together, we take the responsibility for providing a safe and nurturing environment in which all students can learn.

Pittsford Central School District, as an educational leader, provides experiences which maximize the student's academic, artistic, social, emotional and physical development. We encourage students to develop positive self-esteem, respect for others, a capacity for productive participation in a global society, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY - GOALS

To be leaders in providing an educational program of excellence with an opportunity for each student to develop to full potential.

To develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes which will enable each child to have positive self-esteem, the ability to maintain physical and mental health, a capacity for productive participation in society and lifelong learning.

To promote and sustain strong student involvement in, and commitment to, community service.

To provide a professional organization which is efficient, productive and accountable.

To promote and sustain strong parent involvement in, and community support for, the Pittsford Central School District.

To maintain a physically attractive, safe and appropriately equipped educational environment.

To promote participatory decision-making in governing the District.

To maintain fiscal responsibility in managing the operations of the District.

EVALUATION OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY

A program of continuing evaluation of all aspects of Pittsford Central School District shall be maintained to insure efficiency and validity in all areas of school activity.

Any special program, experiment, or demonstration approved for use at Pittsford Central School District shall contain written built-in evaluation procedures.