

**EAST GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHARGE  
2025**

WHEREAS, the East Greenwich School Committee (the “School Committee”), consistent with its statutory authority under R.I. Gen. Laws 16-2-9, desires to form a Legislative Committee which shall consist of members of the School Committee, the Administration and the public for the purpose of assisting, advising, and making recommendations to the School Committee with respect to its responsibilities pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 16-2-9 and its short-term and long-term legislative priorities and goals for the East Greenwich School District (the “School District” or “District”); and

WHEREAS, in so creating a Legislative Committee, the School Committee recognizes the inherent value of including members of the public who have a vested interest in ensuring that the School District develops and implements a process for identifying and communicating District needs to the Rhode Island General Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the School Committee hereby adopts the within Charge creating and defining the duties and responsibilities of the Legislative Committee.

**Section 1: Purpose**

The Legislative Committee works to represent the District in an efficient way that holds our legislators accountable for education policy affecting students in East Greenwich and the state, particularly equitable and adequate public education funding for East Greenwich Public Schools. It assists and advises in the development of the School Committee’s legislative agenda, engages in legislative advocacy to communicate and publicize the needs of the District, and promulgates the School Committee’s official position on matters of public policy. Additionally, the Legislative Committee functions to keep the School Committee and the community informed about the impact of legislation on the District.

**Section 2: Composition and Terms**

The Legislative Committee shall be comprised of up to three (3) members of the School Committee, as appointed by the School Committee chair, including one (1) member designated as Legislative Committee Chair pursuant to Article VI, Sec. 1 of the School Committee Bylaws, the Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee, the Director of Student Services or his or her designee, up to four (4) students, and up to four (4) members of the public. All students and members of the public shall be residents of the Town of East Greenwich and shall serve from the time of their appointment until the end of the school year. Upon the agreement and consent of the School Committee, any student or public member may serve up to four (4) one (1) year terms after the completion of their initial term, which terms may be served in succession. Students and public members must attend a minimum of one (1) meeting per quarter of each calendar year to continue to hold their respective positions.

**Section 3: Duties of the Legislative Committee**

The duties of the Legislative Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following activities or any other activities that the School Committee may from time to time adopt or charge:

1. Leading the creation of a set of annual legislative priorities for the District;
2. Examining and monitoring current, pending and proposed legislation to determine its positive or negative impact on the School District;
3. Advocating for passage or defeat of specific bills based on legislative priorities or official position of the School Committee;
4. Cultivating and maintaining contacts and relationships with legislators and others involved in the legislative process;
5. Educating legislators on issues of importance to the East Greenwich School District;
6. Drafting and proposing legislation at the request of the School Committee;
7. Providing regular reports to the School Committee on legislative alerts, proposed new legislation or modifications affecting education; and
8. Recommendations, if any, about whether the School Committee should take action (e.g. submit testimony, draft a resolution, etc.) regarding any proposed legislation or modification.