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EDUCATION AGENCY RELATIONS GOALS

The School Committees appreciate the place and importance of an educational system in its greater environment, which includes other organizations and institutions dedicated to education. They believe that much is gained through cooperative endeavors with other agencies.

In order to make a maximum contribution to education, within the Schools and to other educational agencies, the Committees establish these broad goals:

1. To encourage liaison with other educational agencies.
2. To supply educational services to and/or share with other educational agencies.

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RELATIONS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The School Committee will cooperate with other schools and with local, state, and regional agencies and organizations to:

1. Seek solutions of educational problems of common concern.
2. Offer support services of high quality to our children.
3. Equalize educational opportunities for all children.
4. Acquire federal and state grants.
5. Promote local school district involvement in state and federal decision-making.

This cooperation may extend to research, providing transportation for children to special schools and hospitals, coordination of curriculum, exchange of information and data, construction of facilities that may be efficiently used on a cooperative basis, and the coordination of school calendars and activities.

Before joining any cooperative programs, education collaborative, or participating in any joint educational services with other school districts, the School Committee wants to be sure that in all instances the best interests of our school children will be served. In carrying out this policy the Superintendent will include in reports to the Committee an evaluation of the desirability and feasibility of cooperation with other schools and agencies on matters of mutual interest.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 40:4E; 71:48; 71:71D; 71B:4; 74:4 through 74:7A; 76:1

RELATIONS WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with state law, the School Committee will approve a private school when it is satisfied that the school equals that of the municipality's public schools in thoroughness, efficiency, and progress made.

All of the following steps are required for approval of a private school:

1. The school submits a letter of application to the Superintendent of Schools.
2. The school completes all items on the "Checklist for Approval of a Private School" and submits required documentation.
3. The Superintendent or designee reviews the submitted materials.
4. The Superintendent or designee visits the school.
5. The school makes a presentation to the School Committee.
6. The Superintendent makes a recommendation to the School Committee.
7. The School Committee takes formal action on the recommendation.
8. The school is notified of the School Committee's decision.

The School Committee will act reasonably and in good faith to carry out its statutory approval function.

If substantial changes are made in the private school's program, the school must seek renewed approval.

The School Committee recognizes that many worthwhile contributions are made to this community by parochial and other private schools. Therefore, it will cooperate with these schools in matters of mutual benefit when law does not expressly prohibit this cooperation.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 40:4E; 71:48 and 71D; 71B:4; 74:4-7A; 76:1

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STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS

The Committees encourage the administration to cooperate with teacher-training institutions in the placement of student teachers in the schools. All initial arrangements with the colleges and universities will be subject to committee or administration approval.

The Committees authorize the administration to honor the reasonable rules and training guidelines of the sending institution.

In all arrangements made with colleges and universities, the Schools will be given the privilege of interviewing and accepting or rejecting individual candidates for student teaching and internships.

The school administration will devise procedures for evaluating the performance of student teachers that meet requirements of the sending institution and fit with the Committees' policies.