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POLICY REVISION AND REVIEW

The Webster School Committee recognizes the need to maintain up-to-date policies and to conduct regular, annual reviews of the policy manual. To this end, the superintendent will propose to the School Committee new policies and revisions of existing policies. These new and revised policies may reflect changes in the Massachusetts General Laws; changes in federal legislation or requirements; changes in Massachusetts Department of Education regulations; advances in the areas of educational management and leadership and changes in local conditions that may have policy implications.

These proposed new policies or policy revisions will be deliberated during each of three reading periods conducted at successive school committee meetings. At the end of the third reading period, the school committee will conduct a final deliberation then vote approval or non-approval of the proposed new policy or revision. The superintendent will then have each revision integrated into existing policy manuals.

Once each year, following the May election of officers, the superintendent will present to school committee a listing of all new and revised policies approved during the previous year, along with any follow up information and/or relevant administrative procedures.

Beginning with the School Committee Policy Manual approved in 2003, the school committee will conduct five year reviews of the entire policy manual, the first taking place in 2008, then 2013, etc. Said reviews will be conducted in collaboration with the district administration. At the school committee's discretion, a private consultant may be hired to facilitate the review and updating process.

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