

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING**

The School Committee believes that community participation in the schools is essential to maintain mutual confidence and respect and in working together to improve the quality of education for all students.

Community participation is important both at the School Committee and school levels. The School Committee shall seek to involve the community through established policies governing public participation at School Committee meetings and advisory committees and other appropriate means. Building administrators are encouraged to establish methods to involve the community in decision-making processes which are consistent with School Committee policies.

The School Committee is ultimately responsible for the formulation of policies involving the curriculum, instruction and the overall school program. The School Committee reserves the right to make the final decision regarding any such policies, while taking into account the views and suggestions from community members and others.

Cross Reference:   BDF – Advisory Committees to the School Committee  
                          BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings

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