

COMMITTEE OPERATIONAL GOALS Responsibilities of Local School Committees

Local School Committees exemplify American principles of representative democracy. Ultimately accountable to their public, local School Committees act as community decision-making agencies for the public schools. Moreover, on behalf of local public schools, in the strong conviction that the American system of public school education will best meet the needs of the citizenry, School Committees represent their communities to local, state and national agencies.

1. Standards of Local Committee Operations: School Committees should function as non-partisan, broadly representative, corporate bodies. Each member of a School Committee should let his/her consideration for the entire district take precedence over partisanship and special interest - political, racial, religious, geographic, economic, social, civic, or other.
2. Written Policy - Adoption and Execution: School Committees should adopt clearly defined written policies based on a thorough understanding of the educational process. In formulating the policies, they should consult individuals and groups affected by the policies, and properly delegate execution of those policies to employed professional administrators.
3. Open Committee Meetings and Public Information: School Committees should conduct school district business in open session, except as otherwise provided by law, and endeavor by every possible means to inform the public concerning the schools.
4. Citizen Group Involvement: School Committees should encourage citizen participation. Increase the public's communication and identifies with its schools.
5. Training and Research: School Committees should seek to improve their own capabilities and procedures by encouraging training, scholarly research, and other methods of endeavors, which offer promise of improving School Committee's capabilities and procedures.

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