

SCHOOL COMMITTEE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The School Committee is ultimately responsible for the long-term health, quality, and sustainability of the school district and its students. Included within this responsibility are the necessities of sound fiscal management, long-term planning, educational goals, policy development and evaluation, facilities management, and integration with city government. This requires a comprehensive perspective beyond attention to immediate problems.

The School Committee's primary responsibility is to establish strategic objectives for the district to maximize the educational achievement of our students. The Committee is also charged with establishing annual goals for the superintendent and itself in pursuit of those strategic objectives. The Committee is also responsible for wise management of resources available to the school system.

The Committee must fulfill these responsibilities by functioning primarily as a legislative body to formulate and adopt policy, by selecting an executive officer to implement policy, and by evaluating the results. It must carry out its functions openly, while seeking the comments of public, students, and staff in its decision-making processes.

In accordance with these principles, the Committee through its mode of operation, shall pursue the following objectives:

1. To formulate, review, revise, and rescind, as needed, Committee policies and objectives which best serve the educational interests of students in Greenfield and the school system as a whole.
2. To work with the Superintendent annually to create operational goals based on those policies and objectives, consistently using clear qualitative and quantitative metrics to evaluate progress.
3. To provide guidance and feedback to the superintendent when needed.
4. To maintain effective two-way communication with the public, the staff, and students in order to maintain awareness of attitudes, opinions, desires, and ideas.
5. To conduct Committee business openly, except where deemed necessary, as permitted by law, to utilize the advantages of executive session.

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