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SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPERATIONAL GOALS

The School Committee is responsible to the people, for whose benefit the school system has been established. The Committee's current decisions will influence the course of education in our schools for years to come. This requires a comprehensive perspective and long-range planning in addition to attention to immediate problems.

The School Committee's primary responsibility is to establish those purposes, programs, and procedures that will best produce the educational achievement of all our students. The Committee is charged with accomplishing this while also being responsible for wise management of the 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 will:

- 1. Periodically set performance objectives for the School Committee itself and the Superintendent and evaluate their accomplishment.
- 2. Allow the people responsible for carrying out objectives to have a role in setting them.
- 3. Conduct a concrete and periodic review of performance against these goals.

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