

## COMMITTEE MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The School Committee faces a difficult set of challenges. It must fashion a quality educational program to prepare children for an unpredictable tomorrow. It must decide the complex issues of policy and principles. It must oversee the prudent management of Hull's extensive school facilities. It is right and proper for the public to expect its elected Committee members to demonstrate high qualities of leadership as they deal with affairs of the Hull Public Schools. It is also right and proper for a School Committee to expect public support for its effort to enlarge the horizons and abilities of its members.

The School Committee places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of in service education for its members. The central purpose of the program is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of public school governance in Hull. The School Committee will attempt to plan specific in service activities designed to assist Committee members in their efforts to improve their skills as members of a policy making body; to expand their knowledge about trends, issues, and new ideas affecting the continued welfare of our local schools; and to deepen their insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society.

Funds shall be budgeted annually to support the program. Individual School Committee members shall be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket cost incurred through participation in approved activities. The public shall be kept informed through the news media about the Committee's continuing in-service education and about the programs anticipated for short and long-range benefits to our schools.

The School Committee regards the following as the kinds of activities and services appropriate for implementing this policy:

1. Participation in School Committee conferences, workshops, and conventions held by the state and national School Committee associations;
2. District-sponsored training sessions for Committee members; and
3. Subscriptions to publications addressed to the concerns of Committee members.

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