

NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISIONS

The School Committee endorses the concept that community participation in school affairs is essential for the school and the community to maintain mutual confidence and respect and to work together to improve the quality of education for students. It therefore seeks to understand the desires of the community and to be responsive, through its actions, to those desires.

All residents will be encouraged to express ideas, concerns, and/or questions about the school to the school staff and administration, to any appointed advisory bodies, to the Committee, and through their service as members of advisory bodies.

The School Committee shall encourage residents to assume an active role in school affairs. From time to time, residents may be invited by staff, administration and/or the Committee to act as advisors. Such involvement may include

- School Committee or its subcommittees
- School Council
- Committees created by the school administration or staff
- Union #28 committees
- Family/Teacher/Community organizations

The School Committee shall encourage community involvement and input in a manner that is both manageable for school administration and meaningful and appropriate for the designated process. The Committee, administration and staff will listen and carefully consider the advice and input they receive from individuals and community groups as they use their best judgment in arriving at decisions.

SOURCE: MASC

CROSS REF.: BDF, Advisory Committees to the School Committee

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