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## **FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The School Committee believes that any educational program is influenced greatly by the environment in which its functions. The development of a quality educational program and school facilities that help to implement the program must go hand in hand.

Therefore, it is the Committee's goal to provide the facilities needed for the number of students in the school system, and to provide the kind of facilities that will best support and accommodate the educational program.

In planning facilities, the Committee recognizes that capital outlay funds are limited, and that priorities must be established to make the best use of the school building dollar. Whenever possible, the cultural as well as educational needs of the community will be considered in planning facility expansions.

The Hanover Schools has established a Healthy Schools Committee comprised of representation from administrators, teachers, and staff. The purpose of the Healthy Schools Committee is to promote continued, open communication in the Hanover School community regarding healthy school environments. The Healthy Schools Committee will focus its mission to include working collaboratively with staff to ensure school environments are healthy for all members of the school community and keeping staff informed of best practices in school safety, cleaning standards, and the role of individual staff members in creating a healthy school environment.

LEGAL REF.:           603 CMR 26:07

## **FACILITIES PLANNING**

### School Building Committee

The Town Meeting creates a school building committee and the Town Moderator appoints the members for specific building projects. These committees act as the administrative authority for the projects, subject to approval of various actions by the School Committee and town.

The school building committee's responsibilities are identified through the Town Meeting Article.

### Staff Planning

Arrangements will be made by the Superintendent, working through Principals, for the school staff to contribute in the planning of new school buildings. Teachers will be given the opportunity to submit suggestions for possible inclusion in the educational specifications.

LEGAL REFS.:       M.G.L. 71:37C and D; 71:68; 71:70  
                          Massachusetts Board of Education Regulations Governing the School Building  
                          Assistance Act  
                          Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, FY 79  
                          Board of Education 603 CMR 38:00 and 603 CMR 26:07

## **RETIREMENT OF FACILITIES**

When it is determined that a school building is inadequate by virtue of age, condition, size of site, lack of need, or other overriding limitations, and cannot reasonably and economically be brought up to the current educational standards, the Superintendent will recommend to the School Committee the retirement of the building.

## **NAMING NEW FACILITIES**

Naming a school is an important matter that deserves thoughtful attention. Personal prejudice or favoritism, political pressure, or temporary popularity should not be an influence in choosing a school name. A name with educational significance or inspiration should be chosen. The Committee also feels that it is appropriate to name schools for physical locations; geographical areas; distinguished local, state, and national leaders whose names will lend dignity and stature to the school; or significant or pertinent events.

The Superintendent will prepare for the approval of the Committee a procedure to follow in recommending names for school buildings. Whenever possible, the wishes of the community, including parents and students, should be considered in naming new facilities.

It is expected that an orderly, announced procedure will lessen the community or factional pressures that so quickly build up when the selection is delayed or seems uncertain. A prompt decision will reduce disappointments and advance community solidarity. Much confusion in accounts, files, and records can be avoided if a new school can be identified by name before the planning starts.