



HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Matthew Ferron, Superintendent

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HANOVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE Proposed Organizational Plan for Special Education Subcommittee January 4, 2017

- 1) **Purpose:**
 - To provide guidance and support for the School Committee on educational issues, community engagement opportunities, and resource allocation for select matters related to Special Education in the HPS
- 2) **Timeline:**
 - School Committee consideration/approval - January 4, 2017
 - Participation commitment from subcommittee members – January
 - First meeting - February (plan to meet during the day – will be posted meetings)
 - Issue(s) for the subcommittee to work on will be determined during first meeting
 - First report to School Committee - May/June
- 3) **Scope of work:**
 - To evaluate, research, and make recommendations related to the subcommittee's purpose
 - To update the full School Committee as needed on the progress of the subcommittee's work
 - To focus on key issues by collaborating with HPS staff, SEPAC, community members, and the School Committee as appropriate
 - To identify key issues for exploration by asking essential questions such as, "Do we have the resources to provide effective in-district programs to support students with _____ disabilities?" (sample question)
- 4) **Initial Subcommittee membership:**
 - Chairperson: Mrs. Booker (appointment by School Committee)
 - HPS Staff (4): Joan Woodward and 2 building special education administrators plus 1 educator outside of special education
 - SEPAC Leaders/Parents/Community members (4): to be recruited by Chairperson and Superintendent

Evaluation: If the School Committee is satisfied with the value added by the work of the subcommittee, the full SC may vote to re-authorize the subcommittee at its annual organizational meeting in the summer of 2017.