

NORTH STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

North Stonington Education Center  
298 Norwich-Westerly Road  
North Stonington, CT 06359

*Our Goals: Safe, Valued, Sense of Belonging - Innovative Instruction – Efficient and Transparent Processes*

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

6:30 PM

**Regular Meeting**

Via Hybrid Meeting Platform

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Via Telephone: 646 558 8656

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**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment**

*Please be advised that our meeting structure does not allow for two-way dialogue during public comment, but the Board uses this information to guide their decision-making. Depending on the topic, they may ask the Superintendent or another District employee to follow up with you. Likewise, public comment might lead to a topic being added to a future meeting agenda.*

5. **Reports**
  - a. Superintendent's Report
  - b. BOE Chair's Report
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**
8. **Facility and Finance Discussion**
  - a. Non-lapsing Account
    - Infields: Baseball and Softball
    - STEAM
  - b. September Financial Report
  - c. Capital List
9. **Policy and Advocacy Discussion**
  - a. Student Dress and Grooming
  - b. 1100 – Community Relations - General
  - c. 1110.1 – Community Relations – Parent Involvement
10. **BOE Comments for Future Agenda Items**
11. **Public Comments**
12. **Adjournment**

North Stonington Board of Education							
Non-Lapsing Account							
Financial Statement							
Sep-23							
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024							
Inv Date	Vendor	Description		Invoice #	Debit	Credit	Balance
				FY 23 Total	\$ 127,893.39		\$439,026.27
	Playground Medic	Install Playground equipment	Finished		\$ 6,990.00		\$432,036.27
8/31/2023	Hampden Engineering Corporation	ShotClock and upgrade scoreboard (deposit sent)	Installed	723425	\$ 4,114.50		\$427,921.77
	Rockler Woodworking and Hardware	Equipment for woodshop	Ordered Place with Rockler		\$ 4,783.92		\$423,137.85
	Marucci Contracting	Install New Playground equipment	Equipment delivered being installed		\$ 11,700.00		\$411,437.85
8/29/2023	GameTime	Playground Equipment	Equipment delivered GameTime	PJI-0216813	\$ 33,453.23		\$377,984.62
8/29/2023	GameTime	STEAM Program supplies	Ordered Placed with LEGO Education		\$ 4,312.05		\$373,672.57
	MRF Fence	Install gate for NSES Septic access	Installed after paving project		\$ 1,900.00		\$371,772.57
	New England Stage & Shade	Stage Curtains	Order placed - Install 11/1		\$ 12,000.00		\$359,772.57
Facility Needs	2 BOE match	Pave NSES playground (STEAP grant match)	Repave playground - B&W Paving	AR0001529	\$ 35,600.00		\$324,172.57
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								Goal #1: Safe, Valued, and Sense of Belonging
			<b>Expenditures Under Consideration</b>					Goal #2: Innovative Instruction
								Goal #3: Transparent and Effective Processes
Needs	Comments	Item	Description	Goal Alignment	Cost	Approved	Spent/Encumbered	
Instructional Needs	1 Reallocated from budget	Innovative Instruction professional development	programs that support Goal #2: Innovative Instruction	2	\$ 28,000.00	Yes		
Instructional Needs	1 Reallocated from budget	Alternative Education Center	renovations, equipment, supplies	1,2,3	\$ 10,000.00	Yes		
Instructional Needs	1 Reallocated from budget	Woodshop	renovations, equipment, supplies to offer course in 2023-24	2	\$ 8,000.00	Yes	\$ 4,783.92	
Instructional Needs	1 Reallocated from budget	Equipment for COOP sports	Supplies for COOP sports	1,2	\$ 8,000.00	Yes		
Instructional Needs	1 Reallocated from budget	Innovative Instruction - NSES	Allocate funds for STEAM grant	2	\$ 2,500.00	Yes	\$ 4,312.05	
Instructional Needs	1	Playground Upgrades	add addition equipment	1,2	\$ 70,000.00	Yes	\$ 52,143.23	
Instructional Needs	1 Reallocated from Town Capital Budget	Field improvements - Soccer/Lax field	Based on Field Study	3	\$ 115,000.00			
Instructional Needs	1 Reallocated from Town Capital Budget	Irrigation System for all WHS fields	Quote from Irwin - waiting for RFP	3	\$ 230,000.00			
Instructional Needs	1 Reallocated from Town Capital Budget	Field improvements - Baseball/Softball fields	Quote from Diamond Landscapes	3	\$ 37,580.00			
Facility Needs	2 Quote - Anchor Installation	Roof Repair	Bird damage to NSES	3	\$ 9,366.30			
Safety Needs	4 Applied for state grant	Security Cameras and wiring	add cameras to stairwells and blindspots	1	\$ 38,978.18			
Safety Needs	4 Applied for state grant	Reception windows in vestibules	Replace stationary windows with sliding windows	1,3	\$ 1,500.00			
Safety Needs	4 Applied for state grant	Bollards (protective barriers)	Place bollards between back parking lot and HS/MS building	1				
					\$ 558,924.48	Page Total		
					\$ 162,100.00	Approved		
					\$ 396,824.48	Estimated		
		<b>Balance</b>			<b>(\$234,751.91)</b>	Combined Total		

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INTERNAL OBJECT / OBJECT	Budget	Range To Date	Year To Date	Encumbrance	Budget Balance	Percent Remains
<b>0110 - Salaries, Central Office</b>						
110 - Salaries, Central Office	\$631,386.12	\$49,948.41	\$148,558.25	\$0.00	\$482,827.87	76.47%
<b>0130 - Expenses, Central Office</b>						
250 - Unemployment Compensation	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$455.00	\$0.00	\$14,545.00	96.97%
300 - Purchased Professional Services	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,327.08	\$0.00	\$20,672.92	82.69%
303 - E-Rate	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	13.04%
305 - GASB Studies	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	71.43%
310 - Purchased Administrative Services	\$36,600.00	\$973.27	\$5,648.27	\$0.00	\$30,951.73	84.57%
580 - Travel/Conferences	\$4,500.00	\$144.00	\$179.00	\$0.00	\$4,321.00	96.02%
690 - Other Supplies	\$9,000.00	\$4,762.06	\$5,338.98	\$0.00	\$3,661.02	40.68%
810 - Dues & Fees	\$16,000.00	\$12,097.00	\$20,769.62	\$0.00	(\$4,769.62)	-29.81%
<b>0140 - Negotiations Funds</b>						
300 - Purchased Professional Services	\$39,675.00	\$3,171.58	\$3,171.58	\$0.00	\$36,503.42	92.01%
<b>0211 - Salaries, Administrators</b>						
111 - Salaries, Administrative & Grants	\$607,948.00	\$46,765.24	\$137,748.80	\$0.00	\$470,199.20	77.34%
<b>0213 - Salaries, Teachers</b>						
110 - Salaries, Central Office	\$106,698.68	\$5,365.89	\$5,365.89	\$0.00	\$101,332.79	94.97%
112 - Teacher Salaries	\$6,621,178.60	\$734,907.91	\$784,276.91	\$50.00	\$5,836,851.69	88.15%
118 - Salaries, Social Workers	\$120,262.00	\$14,329.95	\$14,329.95	\$0.00	\$105,932.05	88.08%
120 - Other Salaries	\$184,000.00	\$10,878.24	\$13,972.24	\$0.00	\$170,027.76	92.41%
121 - Non-Public Nursing	\$15,061.88	\$4,657.74	\$4,657.74	\$0.00	\$10,404.14	69.08%
208 - Course Reimbursement	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
320 - Purchased Professional/Ed. Svcs	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100.00%
321 - Tutoring Services	\$5,000.00	\$86.00	\$4,571.90	\$0.00	\$428.10	8.56%
560 - Tuition	\$30,705.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,705.00	100.00%
<b>0214 - Salaries, Guidance</b>						
112 - Teacher Salaries	\$158,324.00	\$17,944.25	\$17,944.25	\$0.00	\$140,379.75	88.67%
<b>0215 - Salaries, Secretarial</b>						
113 - Secretarial Salaries	\$204,232.40	\$16,199.23	\$41,640.47	\$0.00	\$162,591.93	79.61%
<b>0216 - Salaries, Teacher Assistants</b>						
116 - Aides Salaries	\$436,900.37	\$35,056.78	\$38,874.53	\$0.00	\$398,025.84	91.10%
<b>0217 - Salaries, Library/Media</b>						
112 - Teacher Salaries	\$172,463.00	\$21,556.62	\$21,556.62	\$0.00	\$150,906.38	87.50%
<b>0218 - Other Purchased Services</b>						

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323 - Contracted Student Services	\$150,000.00	(\$25.19)	\$2,429.89	\$9,262.22	\$138,307.89	92.21%
0220 - Textbooks						
641 - Textbooks	\$28,246.10	\$4,105.93	\$19,846.08	\$5,220.95	\$3,179.07	11.25%
0231 - Library Books						
642 - Library Books	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$1,527.65	\$1,517.54	\$104.81	3.33%
0240 - Instructional Supplies						
611 - Instructional Supplies	\$129,559.70	\$9,996.86	\$47,215.83	\$18,827.72	\$63,516.15	49.02%
0250 - Other Expenses, Schools						
580 - Travel/Conferences	\$5,500.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$1,786.00	\$3,589.00	65.25%
612 - Administrative Supplies	\$7,518.06	\$2,792.85	\$5,345.33	\$292.39	\$1,880.34	25.01%
690 - Other Supplies	\$118,980.00	\$11,405.00	\$59,282.89	\$16,911.79	\$42,785.32	35.96%
890 - Other Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$28,611.52	\$4,331.75	\$14,564.04	\$1,675.00	\$12,372.48	43.24%
0400 - Nursing Supplies						
690 - Other Supplies	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,876.07	(\$76.07)	-4.23%
0500 - Transportation						
331 - Other services	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	100.00%
510 - Pupil Transportation	\$895,632.00	\$3,121.00	\$3,163.50	\$0.00	\$892,468.50	99.65%
518 - Special Education Transportation	\$150,000.00	\$2,997.50	\$26,979.56	\$0.00	\$123,020.44	82.01%
519 - Purchased Student Transportation	\$63,565.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,565.00	100.00%
629 - Fuel for school buses	\$98,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,046.04	\$0.00	\$86,953.96	88.73%
0610 - Salaries, Custodial						
115 - Salaries, Custodial Overtime	\$20,000.00	\$1,808.77	\$2,445.54	\$0.00	\$17,554.46	87.77%
119 - Custodial Salaries	\$435,319.33	\$34,667.77	\$104,486.35	\$0.00	\$330,832.98	76.00%
0630 - Natural Gas						
400 - Purchased Property Services	\$75,000.00	\$8,756.37	\$8,756.37	\$0.00	\$66,243.63	88.32%
0640 - Utilities						
400 - Purchased Property Services	\$174,000.00	\$53,331.03	\$62,921.06	\$0.00	\$111,078.94	63.84%
530 - Communications	\$32,600.00	\$436.02	\$4,474.75	\$0.00	\$28,125.25	86.27%
0650 - Custodial Supplies/Services						
690 - Other Supplies	\$54,900.00	\$12,236.13	\$18,121.31	\$278.22	\$36,500.47	66.49%
0661 - Postage						
530 - Communications	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	100.00%
0700 - Maintenance Services						
040 - Building Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,664.00	(\$22,664.00)	100.00%
400 - Purchased Property Services	\$125,000.00	\$17,100.68	\$46,464.75	\$13,296.00	\$65,239.25	52.19%

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603 - Athletic Supplies	\$22,500.00	\$11,405.50	\$11,405.50	\$0.00	\$11,094.50	49.31%
703 - Repairs, Instructional Equipment	\$33,475.00	(\$4,267.68)	\$1,867.96	\$1,597.00	\$30,010.04	89.65%
704 - Repairs non-instructional equipment	\$50,000.00	\$625.00	\$8,821.00	\$0.00	\$41,179.00	82.36%
0725 - Lease of Equipment						
442 - Rental of Equipment and Vehicles	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,904.62	\$0.00	\$25,095.38	86.54%
0730 - Replacement Equipment						
702 - Replacement Equipment	\$0.00	\$4,476.19	\$4,476.19	\$2,520.00	(\$6,996.19)	100.00%
730 - Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,417.36	(\$1,417.36)	100.00%
0812 - Social Security - Medicare						
220 - Social Security	\$268,034.39	\$23,466.51	\$39,192.89	\$0.00	\$228,841.50	85.38%
0830 - Employee Benefits						
205 - Insurance Waivers	\$18,000.00	\$1,792.86	\$1,792.86	\$0.00	\$16,207.14	90.04%
260 - Workmen's Comp	\$95,000.00	\$21,516.24	\$42,692.86	\$0.00	\$52,307.14	55.06%
270 - Health Insurance	\$1,665,375.00	\$347,543.92	\$508,896.10	\$0.00	\$1,156,478.90	69.44%
271 - Dental Insurance	\$94,378.00	\$24,011.36	\$35,772.36	\$0.00	\$58,605.64	62.10%
272 - Eye Wear Reimbursement	\$4,000.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$3,700.00	92.50%
274 - HSA Contributions	\$145,800.00	\$0.00	\$69,550.00	\$0.00	\$76,250.00	52.30%
520 - Other Insurance	\$71,950.00	\$20,460.18	\$33,021.61	\$0.00	\$38,928.39	54.10%
0832 - Employee Retirement						
230 - Retirement Contributions	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,323.07	\$0.00	\$75,676.93	94.60%
1000 - Student Activities						
120 - Other Salaries	\$50,000.00	\$503.37	\$503.37	\$1,252.90	\$48,243.73	96.49%
441 - Rental of Land & Buildings	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
520 - Other Insurance	\$9,000.00	\$922.50	\$10,172.50	\$0.00	(\$1,172.50)	-13.03%
601 - Medical Supplies	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$599.60	\$2,100.40	77.79%
602 - Awards & Banquet Supplies	\$6,030.00	\$152.03	\$152.03	\$55.00	\$5,822.97	96.57%
603 - Athletic Supplies	\$8,500.00	\$1,147.57	\$1,147.57	\$551.70	\$6,800.73	80.01%
604 - Tournament Fees	\$3,330.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$3,010.00	90.39%
610 - General Supplies	\$23,450.00	\$385.00	\$4,785.00	\$1,545.18	\$17,119.82	73.01%
690 - Other Supplies	\$18,570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$441.85	\$18,128.15	97.62%
1230 - New Equipment						
739 - Other Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$6,229.36	\$6,229.36	\$639.98	(\$5,369.34)	-357.96%
1400 - Tuition						
560 - Tuition	\$300,000.00	\$5,088.00	\$10,488.00	\$9,376.00	\$280,136.00	93.38%
561 - VO-AG Tuition	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	100.00%

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562 - Magnet School Tuition	\$49,875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,875.00	100.00%
<b>Grand Total:</b>	\$15,168,084.15	\$1,637,959.55	\$2,541,247.87	\$113,804.47	\$12,513,031.81	82.50%

End of Report

<b>Capital Items - North Stonington BOE, 2023-2024</b>				
<i>Capital Expense - a major, nonrecurring improvement in the physical plant of a municipality as differentiated from ordinary repairs or maintenance of a recurring nature costing over \$10,000 and lasting 5 or more years.</i>				<b>Priority Rank</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>				
<b>5 YEAR</b>				
		<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
FY25	Tunnel repair	\$15,000	Safe use of tunnel, aesthetics (cannot make ADA compliant)	1
FY25	Used Sports Van (we spend appx. \$10,000/yr. for Co-op)	\$75,000	Co-op sports, field trips, community service, work study, wheelchair transport	2
FY26	Interactive boards (\$3,500 x 37)	\$130,000	Replace aging boards and projectors	1
FY26	Maintenance shed	\$50,000	Provide work area and efficient storage of lawn and snow equipment	2
FY27	Lawn mower	\$18,000	Replace aging mower	1
FY27	Kubota plow-tractor	\$52,000	Replace aging tractor	2
FY28	Gator cart	\$12,000	Replace aging cart	1
FY28	School Maintenance Van (2013)	\$52,000	Replacing aging van	2
FY29	Building Control and File Servers (IT)	\$20,000	Replacing aging servers	1
FY29	Replace switches (Enterprise) at ES	\$36,000	Replace aging and low quality switches	2
<b>10 YEAR</b>				
	New school meals transport vehicle (replace the 1997)	\$40,000	Replace ambulance with newer vehicle	
	Cafeteria Equipment	\$80,000	Replace older, less efficient food preparation equipment	
	Playground Equipment	\$120,000	Replace damaged/worn playground equipment	
	Classroom furniture upgrades (35 rooms x \$2,600)	\$91,000	Replace worn furniture and match innovative instructional arrangements	
	HVAC system	\$900,000	Replace all roof top HVAC units on both schools	
<b>20 YEAR</b>				
	New School Roofs (\$10/ft <sup>2</sup> x 60,000 square feet)	\$1,000,000	Replace roofs on both school buildings	
	New Parking Lots	\$500,000	Replace parking lots around both school building	
	Boilers	\$300,000	Replace gas-burning boilers in both schools	
	Windows	\$600,000	Replace windows in both schools	
	Classroom furniture upgrades (35 rooms x \$3,000)	\$105,000	Replace worn furniture and match innovative instructional arrangements	



<b>Non-Capital Items - North Stonington BOE, 2023-2024</b>		
<b>MAINTENANCE - NOT CAPITAL</b>		
Laptops - staff (\$900 x 70)	\$63,000	Replace old (2014, 2015, 2016) laptops
Desktop Computer replacements (\$800 x 100)	\$80,000	Replace aging computers
Printers for classrooms (\$500 x 75)	\$37,500	Replace printers that are over 10 years old (no space for copying centers)
<b>IMPROVEMENT</b>		
Track (4-lane track, 6-lane straightaway)	\$800,000	Allow for PE instruction in Track and Field, Host Track Meets, Community Use
Field Improvements (soccer, baseball, softball)	\$260,000	Allow for better drainage and overall health of fields
Storage Sheds	\$40,000	One storage shed per school for drama/PE/other
Ropes Courses - low and high	\$80,000	Adventure education and team building activities
Auditorium	\$20,000,000	Allows for concerts and theatrical performances, renting out, community events
Engineering, Innovation, and Manufacturing Wing	\$16,000,000	Cutting edge technology for design and production, career preparation and certification
Turf Soccer Field	\$1,200,000	Playing surface that is even, durable, safer, and requires less maintenance
Sports Bubble	\$2,000,000	Increased indoor space for sports and recreation for both town and school
Instructional Technology (70 rooms at \$3,000)	\$210,000	Up-to-Date Technology (computers, drones, virtual reality, robots, etc.)

## **Community Relations**

### **Communications with the Public**

#### **General**

The Board of Education believes it is important to inform the public about school curriculum, programs, and activities so citizens can participate in these programs. Concurrently, the school staff, administration, and Board of Education should be aware of the community's goals and concerns for its children so they may be given consideration in curriculum, program, and activity revisions.

To this end, the Board supports and encourages various means such as publications, press releases, open houses, and other public events to disseminate school district information and to hear from the community.

#### **Administration of the Community Relations Program**

The community relations program shall be a concurrent responsibility of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools shall work with members of the Board of Education to conduct an active and comprehensive informational program throughout the school district.

Staff members shall be kept informed of community relations efforts, and their support and participation in such efforts shall be sought.

#### **News of Board of Education Meetings and Activities**

The Board of Education believes in the widest possible dissemination of news concerning the school and shall cooperate fully with the press, radio, and television to assure that news coverage is complete, balanced, and accurate.

Board minutes shall be available in unapproved form, within 72 hours of a Board meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; a written record of Board votes shall be available for public inspection in the Superintendent's office within 48 hours of a Board meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. (In determining the time herein, any day on which the Board office is closed shall also be excluded.)

It should be made clear to anyone wishing to review the minutes that they are unofficial until approved by the Board of Education.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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**Policy adopted: June 6, 2007**

NORTH STONINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

North Stonington, Connecticut

**1100**

## **Community Relations**

### **Communications with the Public**

The following guidelines shall apply in order to provide official communications to the public:

1. The Superintendent of Schools is to be the prime spokesperson to the public on all matters pertaining to the school system.
2. The Board Chairperson is to be the prime spokesperson to the public on all matters pertaining to the Board. On Board issues that have a minority opinion, Board members are always permitted to express their position publicly to the extent permitted by law. A Board spokesperson will be determined at the biennial election of officers.

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## **Community Relations**

### **Communication with the Public**

#### **Parent Involvement**

The Board of Education believes that the education of children is a cooperative effort among the parents, school and community. In this policy the word “parent” also includes guardians and other family members involved in supervising the child’s schooling.

We believe, and research demonstrates, that increased parent involvement improves student achievement. Parent involvement initiatives in the school system will be flexible and creative, promote effective two-way communication, and offer opportunities for all parents to participate. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all district staff.

Further, the Board of Education believes that the administration must take whatever steps are necessary to facilitate a broad variety of opportunities for parents to connect frequently with the school in which their children are enrolled, and with the overall system. Each option should:

1. Encourage strong home-based partnerships;
2. Provide for consistent and effective communication between the parents and school officials;
3. Offer parents ways to assist and encourage their children to do their best;
4. Offer ways parents can support classroom learning activities; and
5. Provide opportunities for parents to have a voice in the planning and decision-making at both the school and district level.

In order to afford all parents opportunities for involvement in the educational process; activities and the scheduling of those activities must take into account the needs of working parents.

The Board endorses the “National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Program” developed by the National PTA as essential for the district’s program to involve parents and families in their child’s education.

The standards, designed to help educators incorporate parents, broadly defined to include all adults who play an important role in a child’s family life, in their child’s learning process are:

#### **Communicating**

1. Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.

#### **2. Parenting**

Parenting skills are promoted and supported.

#### **3. Student Learning**

Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.

#### **4. Volunteering**

Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought.

#### **5. School Decision Making and Advocacy**

Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.

#### **6. Collaboration with Community**

Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families and student learning.

These standards will be used as guidelines to develop meaningful programs at the school and district level as one means to improve student achievement through parent involvement. The Superintendent of Schools shall develop appropriate regulations conducive to achieving a high level of parental involvement in the educational process.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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