

SHARED DECISION-MAKING AND SCHOOL-BASED PLANNING

The Board of Education encourages the participation of the community in improving education in our schools. In accordance with the regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education, the Board has adopted a plan for the effective participation of parents, community members, faculty, staff, students, administrators and the Board in shared decision-making at the building level. This plan, called The Plan for School-Based Planning and Shared Decision Making in accordance with a New Compact for Learning (effective January 11, 1994) specifies:

1. the educational issues which will be subject to decision sharing and cooperative planning at the school level;
2. the manner and extent of the expected involvement of all parties;
3. the means and standards by which all parties will evaluate improvement in student achievement;
4. the means by which all parties will be held accountable for the decisions made;
5. the process whereby disputes will be resolved at the local level; and
6. the manner in which all state and federal requirements for involvement of parents in planning and decision-making will be coordinated with and met by the overall plan.

A copy of the District Plan shall be available at each school and at the District office; individual copies of the plan will be provided upon request. Every two years, the Board shall, in collaboration with the District wide planning committee, review the plan to determine its effectiveness and to amend or recertify the plan, as needed. Any amendment or recertification of the plan will be developed and adopted in accordance with section 100.11 of the Regulations of the Commissioner.

The amended or recertified plan together with a statement of the plan's success in achieving its objectives, shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Education for approval no later than February 1st of each year in which biennial review takes place.

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