

SHARED DECISION MAKING

I. Board of Education Plan for Participation of Parents and Teachers

The Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District encourages the participation of the community in improving the education provided in our schools.

In accordance with the regulations issued by the Commissioner of Education (8 NYCRR 100.11), the Board has adopted a plan for the effective participation of parents, teachers, administrators, and the school board in shared decision making at the school building level.

The plan adopted by the Board specifies the following:

- A. The educational issues that are subject to decision sharing and cooperative planning at the school building level;
- B. The manner and extent of the expected involvement of all parties;
- C. The means and standards by which all parties will evaluate improvement in student achievement;
- D. The means by which all parties will be held accountable for the decisions that are made;
- E. The process whereby disputes will be resolved at the local level; and
- F. The manner in which all state and federal requirements for the involvement of parents in planning and decision making will be coordinated with and met by the overall plan.

II. Availability of Plan for Public Inspection

A copy of the "Plan for Participation by Teachers and Parents in School - Based Planning and Shared Decision Making" shall be available for public inspection at each school building and at the District Office. Individual copies of the plan shall be made available to interested parties upon written request.

III. Meetings Convened Hereunder Are Public Meetings

The plan adopted by the Board shall have been developed only in a manner whereby all participants have had adequate time for consideration and debate. Any meeting of any district-level or building-level group convened under this policy and regulations of the Commissioner of Education, and which shall require a quorum in order to conduct its business, shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law, and shall be publicized in the same manner as other public meetings.

IV. Biennial Review of District Plan

The Board shall review the plan every two years. The purpose of the biennial review shall be to assess the plan's effectiveness in accomplishing the goals of fostering shared decision making, and to amend or re-certify the plan, as necessary. Any amendment or recertification of the plan shall be developed and adopted in accordance with section 100.11 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

V. Submittal of Plan to Commissioner of Education

The amended or re-certified plan, together with a statement addressing the plan's success in achieving its objectives, shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Education for approval by no later than February 1 of each year in which a biennial review is to take place.

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