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POLICY DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION

As described by the National School Boards Association:

Policies are principles adopted by a School Committee to chart a course of action. They tell what is wanted; they may include why and how much. Policies should be broad enough to indicate a line of action to be followed by the administration in meeting day-to-day problems, yet be specific enough to give clear guidance.

The School Committee will develop written policies to serve as guides for those to whom it delegates authority. These policies are framed, and meant to be interpreted, in terms of state law, and regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and other regulatory agencies. Current state and federal laws and regulations supersede Sharon Public School policies even when they appear to be in conflict with Sharon Public School policies.

Proposals to change existing policies or to adopt new policies may be initiated by any School Committee member, by any citizen of Sharon, or by any employee of the School District. Proposals initiated by staff members will be processed through regular administrative channels. Staff members, students and/or members of any group that will be significantly impacted by any policy should be given ample voice in drafting such policy.

Policy proposals may be referred to a Policy Subcommittee, for detailed study, prior to consideration by the School Committee. Staff members, students and any other member of the school community who may be affected by new policy or changes to existing policy should be included in the crafting or editing process.

Unless specified otherwise, a policy is effective immediately, once it is approved by the School Committee.

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