

PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW

By virtue of the purpose of creation of public governing bodies, the meetings and records of the School Committee are a matter of public information.

Educational matters will be discussed and decisions made at public meetings of the School Committee and its subcommittees, except for such matters as are properly discussed in private executive sessions.

The official minutes of the Committee, its written policies, and its financial records will be open for inspection in the superintendent's office during the hours the administration offices are open. However, no records pertaining to the individual students or staff members will be released for inspection by the public or any authorized persons, by the superintendent or by any other person responsible for the custody of confidential files.

The School Committee supports the right of the people to know about the programs and services of their schools and will make every effort to disseminate information.

Each principal is authorized to use all means available to keep the school's community informed about the school's program and activities. However, the release of information of systemwide interest is to be coordinated by the superintendent.

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