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FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The School Committee recognizes that the quality of educational programs is impacted to a great extent by the environment within which it functions. The development of a high quality educational program goes hand in hand with the maintenance, upkeep and improvements to the school buildings and facilities that house the programs. It is the goal of the Committee to provide appropriate facilities based on both the number of students in the district and the nature and requirements of the educational program.

The Committee shall employ the following considerations in its decision-making process with regard to facilities development:

1. Maximizing the quality of the educational program for the children is primary and, within municipal fiscal constraints, determines the nature of the facilities needed by the community.
2. All children in the community are entitled to equal educational opportunities and also comparable school facilities whenever it is within the ability of the community to provide them.
3. School facilities should be altered as necessary to meet the safety requirements under applicable law.

In planning facilities, the Committee recognizes that capital outlay funds are limited and that it must establish priorities in order to make the best use of the resources spent on facilities development.

Every new school which is constructed and every addition to an existing school or program for modernization of an existing school shall be designed or planned so as to ensure that the educational opportunities to be offered within that school following its construction or expansion or reconstruction will be available equally to all students thereof without regard to the race, color, gender, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, disability or national origin of any such student.

The goal of each school shall be to provide equal numbers of males and females with those facilities and conveniences within a school which are separated for reasons of privacy, e.g. showers, locker rooms, changing room, toilets and lavatories. Any school to be constructed shall make such provision and any plan for the expansion or modernization of an existing school shall include whatever provision is necessary in order to achieve compliance with 603 CMR 26.07.

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