

Walpole School Committee

2018-2019 Goals

Goal 1:

To strengthen the partnership between parents and the Walpole Public School in addressing bullying, student social and emotional health and school safety-

Objective:

To reaffirm and demonstrate that the safety and well-being of our students is the highest priority of the School Committee and the Walpole Public Schools.

Action Steps	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1. Undertake a thorough and exhaustive review of the districts bullying and school safety/ security policies and procedures, examining the best practices of neighboring districts and soliciting the opinions of the wider community.	Sept '18- November '18	Policy Sub Committee will make recommendations to Full School Committee before Thanksgiving.
2. Generate a survey to solicit the opinion of the Walpole Public School community around the issues of bullying and school safety.	Sept '18	A Large Number of Participants in the survey
3. Continually reinforce mechanisms like the school committee email for community members to communicate their concerns directly to the Committee.	Year Long	An uptick in opinions expressed to the School Committee via email
4. Continue to pursue investments in school safety capital projects, and the necessary staff and staff training to address the social and emotional needs of children.	Budget Season	
5. Encourage the development of student leaders, of a unified K-12 set of Walpole Public School core values and opportunities for staff training and professional development.	Budget Season	
6. Communicate with parents and staff who want to work together.	Sept '18	

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Goal 2:

Continue to monitor the educational health of our district and how the Walpole Public Schools are preparing our students to use 21st century skills to demonstrate their skills and knowledge

Objective:

To ensure Walpole students receive a comprehensive education and can compete in today's environment

Action Steps	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1. Continue to review instructional practices to ensure that Walpole's students are being taught to be analytical and critical thinkers	Sept '18-June '19	Regular reports or presentations at School Committee meetings
2. Benchmark student progress in the areas of math and literacy as well as special education.	Sept '18-June '19	Regular reports or presentations at School Committee meetings
3. Continue to review curriculum and extra-curricular activities for the comprehensiveness of the offering in the Walpole Public Schools	Sept '18-June '19	Regular reports or presentations at School Committee meetings

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Goal 3:

Continue to evaluate the best long-term usage for Walpole's secondary school buildings

Objective:

Action Steps	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1. Continue to review the educational specifications developed by Walpole's administrators for the long-term needs of the secondary school buildings	Sept '18- June '19	
2. Meet with Massachusetts School Building Authority to tour Bird and Johnson Middle Schools as part of their Senior Study Program.	Sept '18	Initial meeting September 25 th
3. Continue to meet with Walpole's Board of Selectmen and other affected boards to discuss the MSBA application	Sept. '18 – June 19;	Monies set aside at town meeting.
4. Request funds from Free Cash to be set aside for a future Secondary Schools feasibility study by town Meeting	Fall '18	
5. Create venues for public input in the process	Sept '18 –June '19	

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Goal 4:

To increase support for the Walpole Public School Budget by sharing budget information and increasing opportunities for community members to see how their dollars are supporting the Walpole Public Schools

Objective:

To increase understanding among Board members, Town Meeting Representatives and Walpole Public School parents, of the cost of providing a comprehensive education that is regionally competitive for Walpole's students

Action Steps	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1. Provide clear budget information on the Walpole Public Schools, social media, website, school email chains, and at Town Meeting.	January '18 to June '19	
2. Provide opportunities for other Boards to tour the Walpole Public School buildings to observe capital and operating expenses	Sept '18- June '19	Greater participation
3. Update the Walpole Public School Annual Report and each School Committee member will share information with RTMs	Jan '19- May '19	
4. Meet with parents who want to increase their understanding and involvement in the budget process	Sept '18- June '19	

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Goal 5: To Undertake a Superintendent Search

Objective: To hire a new Chief Executive of the Walpole Public Schools

Action Steps	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1. Undertake a community survey to solicit the opinions of the Walpole Public School community and assist in informing the School Committee in their search.	Oct. '18 – Nov. '18	Successful hiring of new Superintendent
2. Develop a job description and list of qualifications for a new Walpole Public School Superintendent.		
3. Interview Candidates	November '18	
4. Hire a New Superintendent	November '18	