

2011-12 Darien Board of Education Objectives

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ADMINISTRATION

- Work and communicate effectively with the Superintendent and his Cabinet to help achieve the 2011-12 District Goals and Objectives.

POLICY

- Continue revisions to the existing Board policy manual.
- Review and add new policies where necessary and appropriate.
- Ensure that all policy changes and new policies are clearly communicated to staff, parents, and students.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Evaluate alternative methods to record and index Board minutes.
- Listen to the community, communicate their concerns to the Administration as appropriate.
- Improve public knowledge of the plans and programs of the Darien Public School System.
- Continue Board “liaisons” to each school to maintain good communication between the Board and the CDSP and the PTOs.
- Continue to facilitate community access to relevant Board materials via use of the DPS website.

TOWN HALL

- Work cooperatively with other town boards, commissions, and committees for the benefit of the Town of Darien.

BUDGET

- Conduct a transparent budget process with the goal of approving a budget that balances the needs of the school system with the interests of the Darien taxpayers.
- Formally adopt a long-term budget plan for submission to the Board of Finance.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Update Board Self-evaluation Instrument.
- Stay abreast of state and national issues and trends in education through organizations such as CAFE and CES.
- Reach out to and inform interested volunteers about Board of Education membership.
- Provide an effective orientation to all new Board members.

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