

2015-2016 Approved Darien Board of Education Goals and Objectives

ADMINISTRATION

- Work and communicate effectively with the Superintendent and Cabinet to help achieve the 2015-2016 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

- Continue to support new opportunities for the community to share information with the Board of Education and 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 and maintain good communication between the Board and the Council of Darien School Parents and the PTOs.
- Continue to facilitate community access to relevant Board materials via use of the DPS website.
- Review of Board Committee structure.

TOWN HALL

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

BUDGET

- Conduct a transparent zero based 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 and capital project plan for submission to the Board of Finance and other Town bodies.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Stay abreast of state and national issues as well as trends in education through C.E.S. and other organizations.
- Reach out to and inform interested volunteers about Board of Education membership.
- Provide an effective orientation to all new Board members.
- Engage in annual Strategic planning.

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