

Braintree Public Schools

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The Braintree School Committee believes that our schools are the key unit to educational improvement and that successful school improvement is best accomplished through a school-based decision-making process. The School Council involves directly those affected by the goals and objectives of the school and school council in the process of determining that action or decision helps to strengthen the commitment to those decisions by those most affected by its implementation. The Braintree Public Schools believes that this involvement strengthens the planning and implementation process.

Under this policy, the Principal shall have primary responsibility for the management of the school. Decisions that are made at the school level must be aligned with the budget, policies, curriculum, and long and short-range goals adopted by the School Committee. Planning must always comply with state and federal laws and regulations, and with any negotiated agreements of the Braintree Public Schools.

As enacted by the state legislature in the Education Reform Act of 1993, a school council shall be established in each school to advise the Principal in specific areas of school operation. The Principal, except as specifically defined in the law, shall have the responsibility for defining the composition of and forming the group pursuant to a representative process approved by the Superintendent and School Committee.

The following guidelines define the role of the school council:

The School Council shall meet regularly with the Principal of the school and shall assist in:

1. Adoption of educational goals for the school that are consistent with state and local policies, plans and standards.
2. Identification of the educational needs of the students attending the school.
3. Review of the school building budget.
4. Formulation of a school improvement plan that may be implemented only after review and approval by the Superintendent.

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