

Operations Support Services Goals

The School Committee recognizes that the operations support services of the school system are essential to the overall success of the school system. While the primary purpose of the system is to educate students, the Committee recognizes that a proper balance between operational and educational goals is essential to the overall success of the school system. The balance must ensure that adequate resources are committed to infrastructure on a consistent basis. The proper balance must not allow a cycle of deferral, postponement, or inappropriate proportion of budgetary reductions, or necessary annual expenditures on operational areas, such as buildings, maintenance of facilities, transportation, technology, and support services staffing to undermine the operations of the school system.

Operations support services include human resources, finance and business office functions, facilities management functions, food services, transportation, and technology. The School Committees' goals and expectations of operations support services area include:

1. proper operation and maintenance of school buildings, grounds, vehicles, and equipment
2. high safety standards
3. support of community aspirations for environmentally oriented practices
4. efficient and rigorous standards of business and operational practices
5. excellent food services programming
6. compliant management of buildings and grounds
7. safe and efficient operation of transportation and maintenance vehicles
8. utilization of strong technology and communication platforms

Operations support services is expected to support programs that foster excellent instructional practice, and to ensure that the human resources of the district can deliver outstanding educational services to students with appropriate buildings, administrative support systems and a services oriented staff.

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