

PROFESSIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The School Committee recognizes the importance of developing, maintaining, and extending the skills of staff members and encourages employees to engage in programs and activities that will lead to their professional growth and increased competence.

The Superintendent is authorized to initiate programs and activities which are designed to serve the following purposes:

- A. To provide a structure through which staff members can stay abreast of new developments in their areas of specialty;
- B. To familiarize staff members with new research and innovative teaching methods;
- C. To assist staff members in the process of change and school improvement; and
- D. To facilitate the development, implementation and evaluation of new programs.

The Superintendent may provide the staff with opportunities to observe other classrooms within the school, to visit other schools and to attend appropriate conferences or workshops. The Superintendent should also encourage membership on educational committees.

Within budgetary limitations, visitations and attendance at conferences may be approved by the Superintendent in accordance with School Committee policy.

Legal Reference: Chap. 125.23 B (5)(m) (Maine Dept. of Ed. Rule)

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