The School Committee and Superintendent or designee will participate in local and state planning functions that could directly affect the schools or their immediate environment.

The Superintendent or designee will keep the School Committee informed of planning matters that will have a direct impact on the operation of the schools or school-sponsored programs and will undertake action on behalf of the School Committee to bring about actions that are in the best interests of the students, the schools and the town.

The Superintendent or designee will give particular attention to the following factors when analyzing the impact of local planning proposals:

- 1. Effects of student enrollment growth on building capacity and educational guidelines.
- 2. Highway construction and traffic implications such as noise and air pollution, hazardous crossings, and congested ingress and egress.
- 3. Overload, deterioration, vandalism, and maintenance of schools, fields, courts, and other school facilities as neighborhood civic centers.
- 4. Need for bikeways, parking, or additional bus transportation.

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