The Principal is allowed to budget funds for such memberships and for paying the costs of adequate participation of staff in the activities of such associations to achieve the purposes listed below:

- 1. The in-service education benefits to the staff come from participating in meetings, conferences, clinics, and conventions.
- 2. Access to the communication media of such associations, such as newsletters, periodicals, advisory services, Internet and televisions.
- 3. Representation in actions affecting education in general and the school department in particular.

By maintaining such memberships, the School Committee does not abdicate its authority over and responsibility for the schools.

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