The School Committee may budget funds for memberships and for paying the costs of adequate participation in the activities of recognized associations to achieve the following purposes:

- 1. To receive in-service education benefits that comes from participating in meetings, conferences, clinics, and conventions.
- 2. To access to the communication media of recognized associations, such as newsletters, periodicals, advisory services, Internet and televisions.
- 3. To participate in actions affecting education in general and the Westford Public Schools in particular.

The School Committee in maintaining such membership in no way abdicates its authority over and responsibility for the schools.

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