

Bedford Public Schools

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HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE REPRESENTATION ON THE BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Bedford School Committee, in addition to its regular members and METCO Representative (File BBB-3), will have one non-voting delegate as representative of the Hanscom Air Force Base community (the "Hanscom Representative"). The Hanscom Representative may participate in School Committee assignments, sit at the table and discuss matters in all open sessions.

The Hanscom Representative will be selected for a two-year term. Candidates will be nominated to the School Committee by the Superintendent in consultation with the Hanscom Air Force Base Commander, the Child and Youth Educational Services School Liaison Office, and the Hanscom Air Force Base community. Appointment will be made by a majority vote of the School Committee. The Hanscom Representative may apply for a second term subject to the same aforementioned requirements.

As a non-voting member of the School Committee, the Hanscom Representative will abide with the policies and procedures of the Bedford School Committee in the performance of their duties as the Hanscom Representative and the requirements of an elected member of the School Committee as outlined in the Bedford School Committee Policy Manual.

The role of the Hanscom Representative is to represent the interest of the residents of Hanscom Air Force Base in the operation of the Bedford Public Schools, especially Bedford High School.

As a non-voting member of the Bedford School Committee, the Hanscom Representative will participate in all open Bedford School Committee functions, including those specifically related to the relationship between the School Committee and the Hanscom community:

1. To represent the interests of the Hanscom community in School Committee discussions.
2. To express their views on matters before the School Committee.
3. To facilitate communication between the parents of Hanscom and the Bedford School Committee.
4. To attend school events as a representative of the Bedford School Committee.
5. To keep the Base Commander informed on the proceedings of the Bedford School Committee related to the operations of Bedford High School.

6. To communicate, when necessary, with the School Committee Chair and/or the Superintendent of Schools regarding matters related to the operations of Bedford High School.

This policy and the terms of office for the Hanscom Representative will be piloted for one year beginning in January 2022 and reviewed by the School Committee in December, 2022. Subject to approval of the Bedford School Committee, the Hanscom Air Force Base Representative may be selected to serve an initial one-year term. After the initial one-year term, a member will be selected for a full two-year term to coincide with the election cycle of elected members (March to March).

Adopted at the School Committee Meeting on January 25, 2022.