

Bedford Public Schools

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BEDFORD METCO REPRESENTATION ON THE BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Bedford School Committee, in addition to its regular members and Hanscom Representative (File BBB-2), will have one non-voting delegate as representative of the METCO community (the "METCO Representative"). The METCO Representative may participate in School Committee assignments, sit at the table and discuss matters in all open sessions.

The METCO Representative will be selected for a two year term. Candidates will be nominated to the School Committee by the Superintendent in consultation with the Bedford METCO Director, and the METCO Parents Group. Appointment will be made by a majority vote of the School Committee. The METCO Representative may apply for a second term subject to the same aforementioned requirements.

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

The role of the METCO Representative is to represent the interest of the METCO families in the operation of the Bedford Public Schools.

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

1. To represent the interests of the METCO community in School Committee discussions.
2. To express their views on matters before the School Committee.
3. To facilitate communication between the METCO Families and the Bedford School Committee.
4. To attend school events as a representative of the Bedford School Committee.
5. To keep the METCO Parents Group and METCO Director informed on the proceedings of the Bedford School Committee related to the operations of Bedford Public Schools.

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

This policy and the terms of office for the METCO 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 METCO Representative may be selected to serve an initial two-year term. After the initial 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.