

**SCHOOL COUNCILS – EXHIBIT 1
(SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN)**

The School Committee believes that systematic educational improvement will occur most effectively when a plan and direction are determined which focus the talent and energy of all involved.

The Principal, in conjunction with the school council, will prepare and implement an annual school improvement plan.

The educational goals for the school will be consistent with the goals and standards, including student performance standards, as adopted by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and by the School Committee. The plan will:

- Be approved by the Superintendent and School Committee
- Focus on improvement of student learning
- Address the implementation of the educational goals and needs of the school consistent with the goals and standards as adopted by the School Committee and the Massachusetts Board of Education.
- Identify the means for meeting the diverse learning needs of each student
- Specify expected student outcomes and measurable/observable results
- Delineate the method of evaluating and reporting progress and results.
- Identify professional development for school staff
- Enhance parental involvement in support of student learning, safety and discipline
- Indicate anticipated costs and available funding sources
- Address any further subjects as the principal, in consultation with the school council, will consider appropriate, except that
 - the council will have no authority over matters that are subject to Chapter 150 E, the collective bargaining law, and
 - the council may not expand the scope of its authority beyond that established in law or expressly granted by school committee policy.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:38Q; 71:59C