

## **STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING**

As appropriate to the age of students, class or school organizations and school government organizations may be formed to offer practice in self-government and to serve as channels for the expression of students' ideas and opinions.

The School Committee will take into consideration student opinions in establishing policies that directly affect student programs, activities, privileges, and other areas of student sensitivity.

Students will be welcomed at School Committee meetings and granted privileges of speaking in line with the privileges extended to the general public. The student representative to the School Committee will have a non-binding vote on all issues before the School Committee.

### Student Advisory Committee

*“School Committees of cities, towns and regional school districts shall meet at least once every other month, during the months school is in session, with a student advisory committee to consist of five members to be composed of students elected by the student body of the high school or high schools in each city, town or regional school district.*

*The members of such student advisory committees shall, by majority vote prior to the first day of June in each year elect from their number a chairperson who shall serve for a term of one year. Said chairperson shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the School Committee, without the right to attend executive sessions unless such right is expressly granted by the individual School Committee. Said chairperson shall be subject to all School Committee rules and regulations and shall serve without compensation.”*

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Adopted By The  
Hadley School Committee: September 22, 2014