

## Construction

### Planning

The Board of Education has the authority under state law to determine on a continuing basis the need for new school facilities and to make recommendation of the construction or acquisition of school facilities to the Town.

Requests for new school facilities and additions or changes to existing school facilities shall be referred to the appropriate Board subcommittee(s) ~~Operations Committee~~ for study, cost estimates, and recommendation for implementation.

Special attention shall be given in planning for school facilities regarding the manner in which the District will provide opportunities for students to interact with those from other backgrounds in order to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation, to provide a safe school setting, and to secure an equitable allocation of resources among schools.

The Board may, from time to time, form sub-committees to study certain aspects of the need for new or additional construction in specific areas and to report their findings and recommendations to the Board.

### Building Committees

Whenever it is deemed necessary by the Board of Education to provide for additional and/or major facility alterations for the educational system, the Board of Education shall comply with Division of Building Committees section 2-171 of the New Fairfield Codes of Ordinances. In support of the Board of Education's request, that Board shall, through its Superintendent and administrative staff, provide the necessary educational specification which should be a part of an encompassing long range educational plan and ~~CLRFP (see 7000)~~. Other particulars in prescribing the action should include enrollment data, an outline of the general nature of the program for the particular facility which would include support facilities such as health, food, custodial, as well as communal uses and the basic equipment and site placement and requirements thought necessary. (See 7100.1)

Approval of the request by the Town's legislative body/town meeting shall signify acceptance of the need by that body.

(cf. 7000 – Concept and Roles in Planning for Educational Facilities)  
(cf. 7000.1 – Process)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-220 Duties of Boards of Education (as amended by P.A. 97-290, AN Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities)

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