

Elevate Educator Voices Goal 2025-2026

School Committee Goal: Explore options to elevate educator voices and perspectives in school committee decision making in formal and informal ways.

- Jointly with the administration, hold a series of listening sessions to understand educators' perspectives on issues in our district
 - Work with superintendent to determine participants and format that will enable productive, candid conversations
 - Focus sessions on specific schools or topics and set parameters to ensure constructive discussions
 - Use information gained in those sessions to inform district priorities and initiatives
- Explore adding additional non-voting representatives to the school committee in order to bring additional perspectives to the committee's deliberations.
 - Appoint a member or an ad hoc subcommittee to assess ways other school committees increase participation by stakeholders in committee deliberations, looking at options to bring student, educator, SEPAC and METCO voices to the table.
 - Consult with MASC representative on ways this is done in other communities
 - Research via school committee websites and/or MASC listserv composition of school committees in other communities
 - Report back to the full school committee in spring 2026 on options, pros and cons, and next steps for implementation