

## DECENTRALIZED DECISION-MAKING

### Background

The District supports a decentralized decision-making approach to its overall operations. Decentralized decision-making is based on the premise that decisions, which contribute to the climate and the instructional effectiveness of the school, which can be made at the school or unit, are to be made there.

### Procedures

Some of the objectives of decentralized decision-making are:

1. To provide the staff, parents and students of each school or unit with opportunities to be involved in decision-making related to the instructional program, or to the climate of the school or unit, as reflected in its goals. Such involvement will be consultative, advisory or collaborative, depending on the nature of the issues being considered.
2. To create a decision-making vehicle that is directly responsive to the needs of students and/or staff of that unit.
3. To build an accountable system in each school or unit that is responsible for the effective expenditure of funds.
4. To emphasize the educational focus of the budget/planning process and the relationship of the school or unit budget to the District.

*Reference: Section 7, 8, 8.4, 8.5, 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act  
School Regulation 265/89*

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