Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy

Policy A2

A2: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION

Policy

The member district schools of the Washington West Supervisory Union: Fayston Elementary School, Harwood Union High School, Moretown Elementary School, Waitsfield Elementary School, Warren Elementary School, and the Waterbury/Duxbury Union School District (Crossett Brook Middle School and Thatcher Brook Primary School) adopt all policies in accordance with Vermont state law as outlined in 16 V.S.A. §563 (1).

Policy Initiation

Any person residing in or employed by a member district school may suggest policies by providing a statement of need in writing to the Superintendent or Building Administrator. Such suggestions will be considered by a member district school board and administrators to determine whether a policy is warranted to ensure consistent and equitable school operations.

Policy Development

A member district school board, acting as a whole or through a policy committee, will seek appropriate public comment and administrative guidance as it considers proposals for policy development or revision. As appropriate a member district school board will consider the following criteria when discussing policy development and adoption:

- 1. The specific need for the policy.
- 2. The fiscal consequences of the proposed policy.
- 3. The effect of proposed policy on administrators, students, teaching staff and the community
- 4. Samples of similar policies of other Boards.
- 5. Applicable provisions of state and federal law.
- 6. The anticipated pros and cons of implementing, enforcing and evaluating the proposed policy.

<u>Warnings</u>

Policies will be adopted by a member district school board only after appropriate public notice and opportunity for public comment as outlined in state law.