

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

Members of the Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee individually and collectively recognize and welcome their responsibility for listening to comments from the residents of the Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D.

Constructive criticism of the schools is welcome when it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the education program and to encourage the District's schools to perform their task more effectively.

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee places trust in its employees and desires to support their actions in such a manner that employees are freed from unnecessary, spiteful or negative criticism and complaints.

In order for the School Committee to fairly and adequately discharge its responsibilities and protect the rights of employees and others, citizens having complaints about individuals must follow the procedures for this policy. No member of the community shall be denied the right to speak with the School Committee as long as these procedures are followed.

School Committee members individually will refer comments, complaints, suggestions, etc., to the Superintendent for appropriate consideration. Comments, suggestions and complaints received by the Superintendent will be discussed with the appropriate principal or principals before any action is taken. Those items of proper importance will be placed on the School Committee agenda for consideration by the full Committee.

No School Committee member will speak for, or in the name of, the total School Committee unless specifically designated to do so by the School Committee.

Students, parents and educators should not expect nor participate in retribution because a question is raised or a complaint pursued. The Superintendent should be notified immediately and directly by any student, parent or employee of the School Committee who believes that retribution has taken place as a result of a complaint under this policy.