

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

POLICY

LEGAL SERVICES ACCESS

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A decision to seek legal advice or assistance on behalf of the school district shall be made by the Board of Education, the Superintendent, or by persons specifically designated and authorized by the Superintendent. Such action shall occur in a consistent manner with the approved policy regulations.

The Board and the Superintendent may seek the services of professionally trained legal persons admitted to practice law in the State of Connecticut. In seeking legal assistance, the Board/Superintendent may call upon the Office of the Corporation Counsel of the City of Danbury, or other legal resources, to include but not limited to, services available through the State Department of Education, CABE, CASA, etc., to render administrative advice, conduct or assist in areas related to school district litigation, and/or provide specialized legal service.

It is the preference of the Board that the services available from the Office of the Corporation Counsel be utilized where legal advice and/or assistance is required except in those instances where the Board, Superintendent, and/or Corporation Counsel's office has identified that:

- a. The Corporation Counsel's involvement would constitute a conflict between its obligation to the City and the school district.
- b. The Corporation Counsel is not prepared to render services appropriate to a specialized request, e.g., special education.
- c. The Corporation Counsel is not able to provide services in a timely manner, or the required time because of prior commitments, e.g., negotiations.
- d. For other reasons which would conflict with the best interest of the City of Danbury.

