

Appeals Policy

The appeals system is general in nature. Any policy-specific appeal structure under the jurisdiction of another governing body, such as those related to transportation, student conduct and special education, shall control. The appeals process may be entered at the appropriate level in accordance with the nature of the disagreement. The Barrington Public Schools encourages all individuals to resolve differences informally at the school level. If, however, substantive differences cannot be resolved in such a manner, all individuals are entitled to seek resolution through the following appeals process.

Level 1:

Any party to a dispute may file a written appeal to the Building Principal. Upon receipt of the written appeal, the Building Principal will provide a written response in a timely manner relative to the seriousness of the matter.

Level 2:

If the decision of the Building Principal does not resolve the matter, a written appeal may be filed to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will provide a written response in a timely manner relative to the seriousness of the matter.

Level 3:

If the decision of the Superintendent does not resolve the matter, a written appeal may be filed with the chair of the Barrington School Committee. (The appeal shall be filed with the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent). Unless an emergency matter, the Barrington School Committee shall consider the matter at the next regularly scheduled School Committee meeting in accordance to Open Meeting Laws. Within five days of said meeting, the School Committee will provide a written response.

Level 4:

If the decision of the School Committee does not resolve the matter, a written appeal may be filed with the Rhode Island Department of Education.

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