

**CONCORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**To: Concord Finance Committee**  
**CC: Concord and Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committees**  
**Concord Select Board**  
**Date: September 6, 2023**  
**Re: FEE STRUCTURES FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Thank you for your letter regarding fee structures for community use of our facilities.

The Concord and Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committees did a months-long extensive review of policy [KF](#) and policy [KF-R](#) which includes the accompanying fee structure for use of school facilities. Both policies were approved at our April 5, 2022 meeting, the minutes to which are linked [here](#).

The aforementioned policies are within [Section K: Community Relations](#) of our policy manual. The policies within Section K keep this central theme in mind as they're crafted and reviewed:

*The School Committee believes that the District is an integral part of the community and that community support is necessary for the District's operation and achievement of excellence. The School Committee and District staff members recognize that community support is based on a mutual exchange, a dynamic process in which the District contributes to the community's success and, in turn, benefits from the community's resources. (Source: Policy [KA](#))*

Two items worthy of note:

1. Almost no organizations that rent our facilities that are not hyper-local. We do not generally have inquiries from organizations outside of Concord and Carlisle.
2. Fees were increased substantially upon approval of the new policies, despite significant concern from existing Concord Carlisle organizations that were current renters.

Please feel free to review the following minutes from our regular business meetings that complete the picture of our review process:

- [March 8, 2022](#)
- [February 2, 2022](#)
- [January 18, 2022](#)
- [January 11, 2022](#)

The policy was also discussed in subcommittee, and links to minutes have been linked below:

- [November 18, 2021](#)
- [December 8, 2021](#)
- [January 6, 2021](#)
- [January 27, 2022](#)
- [February 9, 2022](#)
- [February 17, 2022](#)
- [March 24, 2022](#)
- [March 31, 2022](#)

Given the exhaustive review and the extraordinary amount of time allocated to the discussion of facilities fees, we do not plan to revisit either policy this year.