



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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To: School Committee

Re: Policies on Substance Abuse Prohibition & Education

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, Section 96 as amended by Chapter 52 of the Acts of 2016 now requires public school districts to publish policies on a) the prevention of substance abuse and b) the education of students to prevent substance abuse.

In order to comply with this mandate and to update the district's existing policy to better comply with the law and mirror actual practices, I recommend that School Committee Policy #751 on the prohibition of substance use and possession be updated, and that a new policy, #751A, be created to indicate the district will comply with state and federal mandates regarding substance use prevention education. Based on a discussion with the Policy Subcommittee, Ms. Canzano and Mr. Wensky, I have created drafts of each of these and they are enclosed for your review.

A copy of the existing Policy #751 is also enclosed for your reference.