USE OF SCHOOLS FOR ELECTIONS

The Salem School District is pleased to allow the use of school facilities for the purpose of voting in the Town of Salem. The voting is to take place in the cafeteria of the school(s) to be used. Annual Town and School meetings are generally held at Salem High School and these policies apply.

The town officials are responsible to provide necessary physical equipment, such as voting booths, to complement whatever school equipment is available. The school cafeteria will be made available after the close of school on the day previous to the voting, and is expected to be returned to school use by 9:00 a.m. on the day following voting. Town officials are responsible to provide the necessary manpower to deliver, install, and remove all equipment from the facilities. They will also be responsible to provide adequate supervision of the facility.

During the time the facility is in use and a school custodian is not on scheduled duty, it will be necessary for the town officials to employ a school custodian to be on the premises.

In order to maintain adequate control, safety, and supervision, and to ensure the orderly continuance of instruction, the following are prohibited on school property:

   a. The use of any loud speaker
   b. The passing out of any printed campaign materials within the building
   c. The use of signs or placards within the building
   d. The distribution of campaign materials and the performing of any electioneering activities which impacts the safety and welfare of voters or other essential users of the polling place is not permitted within a corridor ten (10) feet wide and extending a distance from the entrance to the building and/or polling place as determined by the moderator
   e. The overt solicitation of votes by candidates or candidates' representatives on school property. (Overt solicitation shall mean that no person will stand and solicit votes or campaign by use of literature or placards on school property)
   f. The presence of unauthorized individuals checking off persons entering or leaving the polling area will be limited to the actual voting area. (Purpose is to keep these people from creating an obstruction in corridors and walkways leading to and from the schools)
   g. Sale of goods is generally prohibited
   h. Deviations from the policy must be approved by the Salem School District at least one month prior to the day of voting
   i. The moderator, or his designated representative, shall be empowered to render judgment on these policies on the election days.