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The Salem School Committee wishes to encourage Salem residents, individually and as groups, to utilize outdoor school facilities when school is not in session or they are not in use for scheduled athletic or other school-related events.

Outdoor athletic fields, tracks, and playgrounds shall remain open for recreational community use—with appropriate signage posting the rules and regulations at each site. These rules and regulations will be developed and reviewed by the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee in consultation with the Superintendent, and approved by the School Committee.

Salem community nonprofit groups, or nonprofit groups whose members include a significant portion of Salem residents, that desire to use outdoor facilities of the Salem Public Schools on a regular basis, shall schedule such use through the School Department's Office of Building Services. All requests or matters other than scheduling shall be directed to the Superintendent's office. The Salem High School Athletic Director or applicable school principal may close any outdoor facility prior to a scheduled school or school-related activity and temporarily deny access to individual residents or Salem community groups.

No Salem residents or Salem-based nonprofit organizations will be charged for use of outdoor school facilities. Any cost associated with the use of the facility will be incurred by the user. The School Committee encourages community groups to cooperate with Salem Public Schools to maintain and see that such outdoor facilities are well used

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and benefit the entire community. Any misconduct or physical damage to school property may result in the denial of access and/or usage to any group and/or individual.

Any user groups with budgets or person-power are encouraged to contribute either labor or funds to the maintenance of the facilities they use, in cooperation with the Salem Public Schools.

For the first year (2012) this policy shall be implemented on a trial basis until October 31, at which time both this policy and the proposed rules and regulations shall be reviewed and revised as necessary. Until rules and regulations are formally promulgated, this policy shall be implemented at the discretion of the Superintendent.

This policy refers to outdoor facilities and activities only; school buildings, including lavatories, are not available under this policy.

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