

4. The composition, powers and duties of any local school committees to be created.

Note: If there are to be no local school committees, insert “Not Applicable” here. If there are to be local school committees, consider the following language and list all towns:

Local school committees are to be created in the following municipalities, and each shall have the composition indicated:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Local School Committee Composition</u>
Town of _____	_____ members
Town of _____	_____ members
Town of _____	_____ members

The local school committee members shall be:

Note: select option A or B as follows, or select another alternative.

Option A: Elected in accordance with the procedures applicable to the election of school committee members in municipal school units.

Option B: Appointed by the regional school unit board.

To the extent permitted by law, the powers and duties of the local school committees are as follows:

Note: Select from the following list and include others as may be applicable.

Caution: *The legally permissible scope of authority that may be delegated to a local school committee is unclear, and in any case may be the subject of future legislation.*

Applicable	Not Applicable
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| _____ | _____ | A. They shall adopt the courses of study in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. §1001(6). |
| _____ | _____ | B. Where more than one school is maintained within the municipality, they shall determine which students shall attend each school, classify them and transfer them from school to school, in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. §1001(8). |
| _____ | _____ | C. They shall suspend or expel students in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. §1001(9), (9-A) and (9-B). |
| _____ | _____ | D. They shall adopt a policy governing the selection of educational materials and may approve educational materials in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. §1001 (19-A). |
| _____ | _____ | E. They shall prepare, and submit to the municipal officers, an annual budget for funds to be raised and expended for their schools and shall direct the spending of those funds in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1481(2) and other applicable law. |
| _____ | _____ | F. They may employ teachers and other school employees. If a teacher is employed by a local school committee, the local school committee shall perform the duties of the school board pursuant to Section 13201 of Title 20-A and other provisions of state law. |
| _____ | _____ | G. They shall be responsible to repair, maintain and replace equipment and improvements purchased from their budget. |
| _____ | _____ | H. They shall have custody and care of all equipment or supplies purchased from their budget. |

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| _____ | _____ | I. They shall submit proposals for school renovations and school construction projects to the regional school unit for approval in accordance with applicable law. They shall consult with the regional school unit board regarding school construction projects and renovation projects for their schools. |
| _____ | _____ | J. They may accept and expend gifts in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1476(6). |
| _____ | _____ | K. They may establish and expend reserve funds in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1491 and 20-A M.R.S.A. § 4001(5). |
| _____ | _____ | L. They may adopt rules and policies that govern their schools not inconsistent with the rules and policies of the regional board. |
| _____ | _____ | M. Through the municipal officers, the local school committee may submit to the voters of the municipality an article for the voters of the municipality to determine whether the local school committee should be eliminated or an article to curtail or eliminate one or more of its powers and duties. |

Note: If local school committees are created with authority to prepare and submit annual budgets, the reorganization plan should include provisions describing the procedures for integrating the local school committee's budget process with the budget process of the regional school unit.

In addition to local school committees created by this reorganization plan, the regional school unit board may establish local school committees and specify their powers and duties in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. § 1478.