

**Draft
Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association**

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name

This association shall be called the Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association.

ARTICLE II

Objective

The purpose of this Association shall be to build and maintain active interest in Winchester High School, promote the understanding of school objectives and methods, and to encourage full communication and cooperation between parents/guardians and faculty/staff in order to foster the full development of our children. In addition, the Association shall enhance the educational opportunities of WHS students and build community pride by providing resources not otherwise provided in the School Department budget, and coordinating activities and volunteer support.

ARTICLE III

Membership

All parents and guardians of children attending Winchester High School and all members of the Winchester High School faculty shall be considered members of this Association.

ARTICLE IV

Definitions

The "Officers" are the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The use of the singular shall include the plural when Officer positions are shared.

The "Executive Board" consists of the Officers of the Association and the Principal of Winchester High School.

The "Board Members" include the members of the Executive Board and the Chairs/Co-Chairs of the Committees established in Article III of the By-Laws.

The "Fiscal Year" shall run from August 1 through July 31.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Regular meetings of the Association will be held monthly from September to June for the purpose of receiving reports and transacting business. The dates of these meetings will be determined at or before the first meeting of each school year. Meetings may be cancelled due to extenuating circumstances (i.e., snow day), may be rescheduled, or omitted by decision of the Officers. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any Association meeting.

Special meetings can be called by any Officer, provided that written notice is sent to the entire membership (via the newsletter or special notice, including electronic delivery) at least two days in advance.

ARTICLE VI

Voting

Any issues that require a vote shall be brought to vote after general discussion. To bring a matter to vote, a motion must be made, seconded, and requires a majority vote of the members present, provided written notice of the meeting was sent to all members via the newsletter or special notice at least two days in advance. The Officers are excluded from making or seconding motions, however, Officers shall be entitled to vote and considered voting members required for the majority vote.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments and Revisions

The Articles of Association and By-Laws of this Association may be revised or amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, provided written notice of the proposed amendment and the meeting is sent to the entire membership at least two days in advance.

ARTICLE VIII

Charitable Purposes

This association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

ARTICLE IX

No Private Inurement

No part of the net earnings of this association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or any private persons, except

that this association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of this association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE X

Restriction on Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on, (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code) or, (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

ARTICLE XI

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of this association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code), or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Dated: _____, 2011

Co-President

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