

To: The Newton Charter Commission  
From: Jane Frantz and Karen Manning  
Re: Materials for review of Article 4: School Committee

April 6, 2016

At the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Charter Commission will deliberate Article 4: School Committee.

Materials for the review of Article 4 include the following:

1. An annotated copy of Article 4 with our comments and those from the Collins Center
2. A copy of the discussion guide used for the interviews with former and current School Committee members
3. Data collected from the interviews
4. Comparison data from the Collins Center (note: a small sample, since few cities follow our model of ward representation elected at large).

Please note that the annotated copy emphasizes sections of the Ed Reform Act of 1993/Chapter 71 that reflect Newton School Committee practices over a period of 30 years. We hope to update this article with language that will remain relevant over time.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will deliberate the following major points, and others noted in the annotated version:

1. Term lengths
2. Term limits
3. Powers and duties of the School Committee
4. Clarification of residency requirements language
5. Language related to new school buildings

We look forward to a full discussion about Article 4 that will include feedback from the community.

Karen and Jane