

School Committee Turnover: 2001-2015

<p>Contested Races:</p> <p>Total: 28/64 (43%)</p> <p>Incumbents defeated: 3/64 (4%)</p> <p>Incumbents returned to office 45/64 (70%)</p> <p>Total Turnover: 22/64 (34%)</p>	<p>Open Seats:</p> <p>Total: 19/64 (29%)</p> <p><u>Reason for turnover:</u></p> <p>1. Term limits: 11/19 (57%)</p> <p>2. Voluntary turnover: 6/19 (31%)</p> <p>3. Change of circumstances: 2/19 (11%)</p> <p><u>Contested/Uncontested:</u></p> <p>Uncontested: 6/19 (31%)</p> <p>Contested: 13/19 (68%)</p>
<p>Good news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for institutional knowledge • Provides for new blood <p>Not so good news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power of incumbency makes it difficult for a newcomer to break in. 	<p>Good news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much higher rate of contested elections with open seats • Open seats often have 2 strong candidates <p>Not so good news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turnover is dependent on term limits

Constituencies to Consider:

- The needs of school community/larger community
- The staff (the School Committee negotiates contracts with staff)

