



## STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT



# A SMS VISION TO THE FUTURE

Committee Charge established: February 7, 2007  
Meetings Commenced: April 9, 2007  
Projected completion date: May 2008

### Charge of the Stratham Memorial School Vision Committee

Stratham Memorial School, as of the 2006-07 school year, has run out of room for the current educational mission of the program. The Stratham School Board has authorized a vision committee to provide guidance to the board for both future programming requirements as well as the resultant space requirements. As the building is approaching its twentieth anniversary we want a new ten year view of what educational challenges we may face as well as community needs for our younger children.

The committee should approach its charge not assuming this to be a building committee. We may find either the current building is sufficient for our future requirements and/or that there are additional facilities in Stratham that could meet the vision. The key starts with the programs / offerings that the committee identifies as meeting the needs of students at Stratham Memorial School.

Presently SMS serves children starting at age three and educates children through the fifth grade. Children in sixth grade and beyond are served presently by the Cooperative School District. Consideration by the committee for these older children is not encouraged under this charge owing to the substantial penalty costs (what are the amounts for grade six through eighth withdrawal) Stratham residents would incur in restructuring the current Cooperative agreement.

The committee should take into account the tax implications and property value impacts to the community for any recommendations. User-fee programs are part of the charge.

The SMS Vision Committee should target Spring, 2008 to make their presentation to the board with recommendations for consideration.

### SMS Vision Committee members:

Luke Breton (Committee Co-Chair)  
School Board (Chair)

John Hazekamp Committee (Co-Chair)  
School Board

Tom Foshier  
Principal SMS

Laura Batchelder  
Teacher SMS

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