

# Being a Membership Council Representative

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# How Did We All Get Here?



- The NH School Health Care Coalition (SCHOOLCARE) was founded on the principal of equal representation by employers and their employees.
- Public entities with SCHOOLCARE are referred to as a Member Group or Member.
- Each Member Group nominates an employer and employee representative for the “Membership Council”. (That’s today!)
- The Membership Council is the governing body which approves any and all changes to SCHOOLCARE benefits and elects eight of the 10 Board of Director seats.

# Responsibilities and Duties

- Attend up to two membership council meetings per year
- Exercise one vote (in person or by proxy) in the election of Board of Directors
- Act in advisory capacity to the Board
- Vote on benefit changes recommended by the Board
- Be eligible to serve on the Board if nominated and elected



## Working in collaboration locally...

- Serve as a liaisons between SCHOOLCARE and the Member group and its employee participants
- Seek participant feedback on SCHOOLCARE plans and benefits
- Arrange for distribution of materials to employee participants
- Encourage participants to respond to surveys
- Encourage an active wellness committee to promote health education and activities



# Let's Hear From Membership Council Reps serving on the SCHOOLCARE Board

Kathy O'Blenes, Business Administrator, Alton School District

Norm Guillotte, Teacher, Mascoma Regional School District

- How long have you been a Membership Council Representative?
- As a Membership Council Representative, what are some of the things you do at a local level?
- Can you describe the different "hats" you wear as a Representative and how you balance them?
- What advice do you have for other Membership Council Representatives to fulfill their responsibility?