

**ULSTER COUNTY BOCES**

**Pilot Project**

**POLICY # 4220**

In order to provide for constructive and responsible change and innovation in the schools, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services shall encourage the development of pilot projects aimed at improving the educational program.

Pilot projects may include the preliminary study of new materials, equipment or organizational plans, in a protected environment, for a period sufficient to evaluate the feasibility, value and viability of that device or method for fulfilling a particular need. The Board recognizes that significant innovations can result only if given time to be nurtured in an environment relatively free from premature criticism by the public and the profession; however, BOCES may in its discretion, terminate a pilot program at any time.

Proposals for pilot projects must include a statement of the goals of the study, the materials to be used, the anticipated expenses and the plans for evaluation. No proposed pilot program shall be recommended to the Board of Education without the prior approval of the District Superintendent, and must have the approval of the Board before it can be implemented.

The District Superintendent shall submit periodic reports to the Board on the projects; evaluations of all such programs shall be made at least once per year and delivered to the Board.

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