



Guidance on English Learner Parent Engagement and Local Control Advisory Plan Committees 2014-2015 Edition

Status of the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC):

Under previous state legislation, schools with twenty-one or more English Learners (EL) were required to establish an ELAC consisting of a majority of EL parents to advise schools on their programs for English Learner students. This requirement has been waived under the Local Control Funding Formula regulations that reclassified state funds as unrestricted.

English Learner Parent Subcommittee

Even though the requirement for ELAC formation has been waived, it is State and Federal's expectation that all schools with more than twenty EL students create a School Site Council (SSC) **English Learner Parent Subcommittee** (ELPS) to provide input to the SSC on the needs of EL students. The subcommittee shall consist of parents of EL students to:

- Gather and analyze data
- Examine materials, staffing or funding possibilities
- Propose strategies for improving instructional practice

Members of the committees are appointed by the SSC chairperson who also sets the terms of office and meeting schedules based on the SSC's adopted bylaws.

Local Control Advisory Plan Committees

Given this flexibility, the district no longer supports a District English Learner Advisory Committee but rather has opted to create Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) advisory committees to address the needs of target group students and parents. These advisory committees include the LCAP Parent Advisory, LCAP English Learner Parent Advisory, and LCAP Student Advisory.

School Site Councils (SSC) will select nominees to run for a position on several of the district-wide Local Control Advisory Plan (LCAP) committees:

- **Parent Advisory (14 voting members, meetings open to all parents)**
- **EL Parent Advisory (14 voting members, meeting open to all parents)**

Three district parent members will be elected by their peers, SSC parent members, from their electoral district, to represent them on these bodies, at the annual SSC Summit, currently set for October 25, 2014.

These LCAP committees are designed to provide input from those constituent groups that the Local Control Accountability Plan needs to address in a district-wide forum and will meet quarterly once established.

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