## **Community Relations**

## **Citizen Advisory Committees**

The Governing Board recognizes that citizen advisory committees enable the Board to better understand the interests and concerns of the community.

The Board shall establish citizen advisory committees to consider school problems and issues as the need arises or when required by law. The Board shall establish citizen advisory committees when required by law, to strengthen the effectiveness of district and school operations, or to enhance student learning. The purpose of any such committees shall be clearly defined and aligned to the district's vision, mission, and goals. The Board may dissolve any advisory committee not required by law when the committee has fulfilled its duties or at any time the Board deems it necessary.

The Superintendent or designee may establish advisory committees which shall report to him/her in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Citizen Advisory committees shall serve in an advisory capacity; they may make recommendations within the scope of the committee, but these shall not be binding on the Board or Superintendent.

The membership of citizen advisory committees should reflect the diversity of the community and represent a diversity of viewpoints. With Board approval, the Superintendent or designee may appoint committee members.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training and information as necessary to enable committee members to understand the basic administrative structure, program processes, and goals of the committee.

Within budget allocations, the Superintendent or designee may approve requests for committee travel and may reimburse committee members for expenses at the same rates and under the same conditions as those provided for District employees.

Legal Reference: Education Code 8070 Vocational education advisory committee 11503 Parent involvement program 15278-15282 Citizen's oversight committee 15359.3 School facilities improvement districts 17387-17391 Advisory committees for use of excess school facilities 35147 School site councils and advisory committees 41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant 41570-41573 School and Library Improvement Block Grant 44032 Travel expense payment 52176 Advisory committees (LEP program) 52852 Site council, school-based program coordination 54425 Advisory committees; compensatory education 5444.1- 54444.2 Services to migrant children; parent advisory councils

56190-56194 Community advisory committee, special education 62002.5 Continuing parent advisory committees; schools receiving funds from economic impact aid or bilingual education act Repealed Education Code for Categorical Programs 52012 School site council Government Code 810.2 Tort claims act, definition employee 810.4 Tort claims act, definition employment 820.9 Members of the local public boards not vicariously liable 6250-6270 California Public Records Act 54950-54962 Meetings Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34: 251.20 Advisory committee, Indian education