

ITEM FOR INFORMATION**EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT****SUMMARY**

The Equity Advisory Committee is a district committee that informs and advises the superintendent and school board about the educational equity impacts of policy decisions, the experiences of underserved student groups, situations that arise in schools that impact underrepresented students, and the larger districtwide climate. Staff will provide an update on the activities of the Equity Advisory Committee from the 2024-2025 school year.

BACKGROUND

Beaverton School District's Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) is established in accordance with Oregon's Senate Bill 732 (2021), legislation which required school districts to establish an equity advisory committee. The state legislation requires that the committee be composed of parents, employees, students and community members, and its membership must be primarily representative of underserved student groups and elevate underrepresented voices. The committee's purpose is to advise the superintendent and school board on the educational impacts of policies, district initiatives and district climate, especially focusing on the impacts on underserved student groups.

The EAC is currently composed of 6 students, 5 parents or family members of current students, 5 staff members (2 classified, 3 licensed) and 3 community members (1 of whom also serves on the budget committee). The committee is selected through an open application process and a blind review applying a rubric by a selection committee, and approved by the school board. Two district administrators coordinate the committee, which meets 6 times per school year.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff will provide an update to the board of the work of the Equity Advisory Committee. No action is needed.

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