

C.L.A.I.M., The Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention, and Monitoring

Overview:

Because Oak Park Elementary School District 97's ability to provide an excellent and fiscally healthy school system is greatly impacted by governmental legislation and policy, the District 97 Board of Education will work to advance the district's vision and mission by proactively and creatively addressing legislative issues.

Purpose:

Through C.L.A.I.M., the District 97 Board of Education will develop a legislative agenda to propose, support, or oppose, legislation impacting Board priorities.

Charge:

C.L.A.I.M. will:

- Annually receive direction for a legislative agenda from the District 97 Board regarding school policy and finance issues at the state level, and, as the Board deems appropriate, at the county and/or federal level.
- Strengthen connections and participation with lobbying groups, especially those with whom the district currently has formal relationships, such as ED-RED and IASB.
- Identify, partner and leverage organizations aligned with one or more items of the District's legislative agenda.
- Generate informational materials to identify the impact of state, county, or federal legislative issues on District 97.
- Engage Oak Park's legislative delegation to keep them informed of the ways current and proposed legislation, policies and practices impact District 97.
- Seek District 97 Board approval to amend the committee's scope, procedures, practices, and guiding principles.

Authority:

C.L.A.I.M. shall be a standing committee of the District 97 Board of Education.

Composition:

C.L.A.I.M. will be composed of individuals representing District 97's community stakeholders.

- There will be 5 non-voting members: 2 members of the District 97 Board of Education, 2 members of the District 97 administration, appointed by the superintendent, and the Superintendent, as ex-officio member
- There will be 13-17 voting members, who reflect Oak Park's diverse and knowledgeable citizenry.

One of the community members will serve as Chair of the committee. Board and community members will be asked to serve for two years. A term limit of four terms will apply to Board and community members. The committee will meet at least quarterly.

Open Meetings:

As a District 97 Board of Education committee, all **C.L.A.I.M** meetings will be subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.