



**Board Meeting Date:** June 10, 2024

**Title:** Legislative Action Committee (LAC) 2023-24 Recap

**Type:** Discussion

**Presenter(s):** Legislative Action Committee (LAC)

**Description:** In January, 2022, the Board approved a three-year plan to integrate the LAC into Board responsibilities and work in partnership with the District. In addition, advocacy efforts on behalf of our schools also work to meet priorities outlined in the District's Strategic Plan Strategy E.

**Edina Public Schools Strategic Plan 2020-2025 (approved Spring, 2020)**

**Strategy E | Engage Parents, Schools and Community**

*Edina Public Schools works in partnership with parents, students, staff, alumni and community to serve as a reflection of Edina's strong commitment to education.*

*4. Leverage partnerships with community groups, businesses, local and state government agencies and individuals to strengthen and foster relationships with EPS*

**Recommendation:** Please review the materials provided.

## **Recap on 2023-24 LAC Efforts:**

- Board approved the [2024 Legislative Platform, Goals and Plan](#) as outlined and recommended by the LAC on January 8, 2024.
- LAC Breakfast on January 25, 2024 was attended by state and federal representatives and provided an opportunity for many LAC members to meet and build relationships with representatives
- LAC Day at the Capitol on March 5, 2024. Edina had the largest contingency of students and representatives at the capitol. Raja Chinnakotla testified in front of the House Finance Committee.
- LAC continued advocacy efforts to the end of the legislative session with emails, phone calls, texts and 1:1 meetings with all representatives. Education-related policies and funding were included in several bills.
- LAC had 20+ students and community members advocating on behalf to Edina
- Conducted tours for legislators of various Edina facilities

## **2. LAC Committee Members**

The depth of experience and perspective from this committee is deep with a large emphasis on student voice and engagement, plus community members with education funding expertise, counseling and advocacy experience. We also have several returning LAC members that may take leadership roles. All members understand the commitment, meet the required LAC bylaws and are enthusiastic about joining advocacy efforts.

### **2024-25 LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE**

Dan Arom*	Board Member, LAC Chair
Cheryl Barry*	Board Member
Dr. Stacie Stanley*	Superintendent, Edina Public Schools
Jody Remsing*	Director, Student Support Services
Polly Bowles*	LAC Department Specialist, Edina Public Schools
Michael Hart*	Community Member
Carolyn Syvertsen	Community Member
Maggie Salmen*	Student, 12th grade
George Rerat*	Student, 12th grade
Mina Bhargava*	Student, 12th grade
Regina Loria-Procel*	Student, 12th grade
Anushka Narielwala*	Student, 11th grade
Helen Chu*	Student, 11th grade
Alvi Buzar Barua*	Student, 11th grade
Aditi Jha*	Student, 10th grade
Nasteha Abdiaziz	Student, 10th grade
Abdurahman Mohamed	Student, 10th grade
Suhana Suthaharan	Student, 10th grade
Mihi Amara	Student, 11th grade

Sebastian Kushins	Student, 9th grade
Layla Scoll	Student, 9th grade
Hannah Hein	Student, 11th grade
Angela Langsweirdt	Student, 12th grade

*\*returning 2024-25 members*