



## **901 COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the framework for the Community Education Advisory Council (CEAC) that ensures community representation, guides program development, fosters collaboration, prevents duplication of efforts, and promotes efficient use of resources to help the district respond to the needs of all learners in the community and in compliance with Minnesota Statute 124D.19. ~~The purpose of this policy is to convey to employees and to the general public the important role of community education within the school district.~~

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

As required for the school district to qualify for annual Community Education levies under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.19, the Hastings Community Education Advisory Council shall give valuable input and feedback from the community perspective to advise staff on community education activities, programs and services. ~~The school board affirms a strong commitment to the community education program. The school board welcomes and strongly encourages the use of school buildings and activity areas by the community when not used for regularly scheduled elementary and secondary programs.~~ The school administration should strive to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. Maximum use should be made of public school facilities within the school district service area.
- B. Educational needs and interests of area residents should be determined periodically.
- C. Community resources and the expertise of residents should be utilized to develop a vibrant, well-rounded community education program.
- D. Area residents should be encouraged to actively participate in program opportunities.

### **III. COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The mission of the Community Education Advisory Council is to inspire lifelong connections and engagement within the community, by fostering meaningful interactions and educational opportunities at every stage of life. The Advisory Council will:

- A. Adopt bylaws, including criteria pertaining to membership, officers' duties, frequency and structure of meetings and any other matters deemed necessary and appropriate;
- B. At least once every five years district's community education advisory council must review

and approve the district's adults with disabilities program and submit a statement of assurances to the Department of Education;

- C. Serve in an advisory capacity to the director of community education to promote the goals and objectives of the community education program;
- D. Conduct periodic assessments to identify community needs and resources and bring them together to support the growth of individuals and the community; and
- E. Provide input and recommendations on program development including early childhood education, youth services, adult programs, special needs programming, after-school enrichment, extended-day or summer programs, consistent with statute.

~~The council shall assist in promoting the goals and objectives of the program.~~

- F. The membership of the community education advisory will consist of members who represent: various service organizations; churches; public and nonpublic schools; local government including elected officials; public and private nonprofit agencies serving youth and families; parents; youth; park, recreation or forestry services of municipal or local government units located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the school district; and any other groups participating in the community education program in the school district.

~~Bylaws of the community education advisory council shall provide the framework for the organization including criteria pertaining to membership, officers' duties, frequency and structure of meetings and such other matters as deemed necessary and appropriate.~~

- G. The council will adopt a policy to reduce and eliminate program duplication within the school district.

**Legal References:** *Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Uses for School and Nonschool Purposes; Closings ~~Access for Noncurricular Purposes~~)*  
*Minn. Stat. § 124D.19, Subd. 1 (Community Education Programs; Advisory Council)*  
*Minn. Stat. § 124D.20, Subd. 1 (Community Education Revenue)*

**Cross References:** *ISD 200 ~~MSBA/MASA Model~~ Policy 902 (Use of School District Facilities and Equipment)*

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