

PROPOSED REVISIONS: 01-24-2017

	<p><u>Note: The District's innovation plan may be found at http://www.dentonisd.org/doi. This local policy has been revised in accordance with the District's innovation plan.</u></p>
	<p><u>District leadership in accordance with the District's innovation plan and administrative guidelines shall determine the processes and memberships of the District-level planning and decision making process.</u></p>
DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL	<p>In compliance with Education Code 11.251, the District Educational Improvement Council shall advise the Board or its designee in establishing and reviewing the District's educational goals, objectives, and major Districtwide classroom instructional programs identified by the Board or its designee. The council shall serve exclusively in an advisory role except that the council shall approve staff development of a Districtwide nature.</p>
CHAIRPERSON	<p>The Superintendent shall be the Board's designee and shall name the chairperson of the council from among the council's members. The Superintendent shall meet with the council periodically.</p>
MEETINGS	<p>The chairperson of the council shall set its agenda and shall schedule at least two meetings per year; additional meetings may be held at the call of the chairperson.</p>
COMMUNICATIONS	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the council obtains broad-based community, parent, and staff input and provides information to those persons on a systematic basis. Methods of communication may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Articles regarding the work of the council in District and campus publications or on the District's website.2. News releases to the local media regarding the work of the council.3. Periodic reports on the work of the council that may be posted on campus bulletin boards.
COMPOSITION	<p>The council shall be composed of members who shall represent campus-based professional staff, District-level professional staff, parents, businesses, and the community. For purposes of this policy, District-level professional staff shall be defined as professionals who have responsibilities at more than one campus, including, but not limited to, central office staff.</p>

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PROFESSIONAL STAFF	<p>Classroom teacher representatives shall be nominated and elected by classroom teachers assigned to each campus and shall comprise at least two-thirds of the total professional staff representation on the council.</p> <p>At least one campus-based nonteaching professional representative shall be nominated and elected by all staff.</p> <p>At least one District-level professional staff member, other than the Superintendent, shall be nominated and elected by the District-level professional staff.</p>
PARENTS	<p>The council shall include at least two parents of students currently enrolled in the District, selected in accordance with administrative procedures. The Superintendent shall, through various channels, inform all parents of District students about the council's duties and composition and shall solicit volunteers. [See BQA(LEGAL)]</p>
COMMUNITY MEMBERS	<p>The council shall include at least two community members selected by a process that provides for adequate representation of the community's diversity, in accordance with administrative procedures. The Superintendent shall use several methods of communication to ensure that community residents are informed of the council and are provided the opportunity to participate and shall solicit volunteers. Community representatives must reside in the District.</p>
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES	<p>The council shall include at least two business representatives selected by a process that provides for adequate representation of the community's diversity, in accordance with administrative procedures. The Superintendent shall use several methods of communication to ensure that area businesses are informed of the council and are provided the opportunity to participate and shall solicit volunteers. Business representatives need not reside in nor operate businesses in the District.</p>
ELECTIONS	<p>An employee's affiliation or lack of affiliation with any organization or association shall not be a factor in either the nomination or election of the employee to the council. [See DGA]</p> <p>The consent of each nominee shall be obtained before the person's name may appear on the ballot. Election of the council shall be held in the fall of each school year at a time determined by the Board or its designee. Nominations and elections shall be conducted in accordance with this policy and administrative regulations.</p>
TERMS	<p>Representatives shall serve staggered two-year terms and shall be limited to one term on the council.</p>

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~~If a vacancy occurs among the representatives, nominations shall be solicited and an election held or selection made for the unexpired term in the same manner as for the annual election.~~

~~OTHER ADVISORY
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~~The existence of the council shall not affect the authority of the Board or its designee to appoint or establish other advisory groups or task forces to assist it in matters pertaining to District instruction.~~