



Board Meeting Date: June 9, 2025

Title: Legislative Action Committee (LAC) 2024-25 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 2024-25 LAC Efforts:

- Board approved the [2025 Legislative Platform, Goals and Plan](#) as outlined and recommended by the LAC on January 6, 2025.
- LAC Breakfast on January 24, 2025 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 24, 2025. Edina had the largest contingency of students and representatives at the capitol. LAC met with a lobbyist, the co-chairs of House Education Finance Committee, local representatives and attended the Senate Education Policy committee meeting.
- 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

- Three students testified at Education Finance Committee hearing regarding broadening the uses of student support personnel aid to include safe schools funding. Students testified about how important mental health supports are to them on a daily basis.
- LAC students will be serving as interns with representatives this summer.

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*

2025-26 LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

Dan Arom* Board Member, LAC Chair

Michael Birdman Board Member

Dr. Daniel Bittman Superintendent, Edina Public Schools

Jody Remsing* Director, Student Support Services

Polly Bowles* LAC Department Specialist, Edina Public Schools

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Layla Scoll* Student, 10th grade

Hannah Hein* Student, 12th grade

Katelin Seward Student, 12th grade

Nathan Gotte Student, 9th grade

Nicholas Gotte Student, 9th grade

Andy Allocco Student, 10th grade

Liz Gabler Student, 10th grade

Grace Frenkel Student, 10th grade

Atticus Sigmund Student, 10th grade

**returning 2025-26 members*