

# **Role & Purpose of Parent Councils**

## **District Parent Council**

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### **I. Role of Parent Councils**

1. Act as a liaison between stakeholders:
  - Families
  - Administration
  - Educators
2. Provide funding support for classroom and extracurricular activities.
3. Provide and communicate volunteer opportunities.
4. Provide parent-teacher-admin communication support
  - Parent-teacher conference prep support; provide prep page for parents on questions to be asked.
  - Provide school directories for use by families and staff.
  - Transitioning students and their families – includes private to public, out of district to in-district, one school building to another.
5. Provide forum for discussions with the principal
  - Examples: Examine building MEAP scores; bring forth topics of concern that are shared by multiple parents.
6. Act as ambassadors for school
  - Actively welcome families to the school community.
  - Invite a wide variety of parents to be part of council committee leadership so that ALL sub-groups feel included and represented.
  - Be alert and listen for parent or school issues that are pertinent for future council meeting discussions.

### **II. Role of District Parent Council (DPC)**

1. Establish and provide “best practices” for all council meetings/governance.
2. Provide Council leadership training.
3. Monitor school-specific issues as needed; watch for multi-school issues that should be addressed at a district council level. Act as a liaison between school councils and BOE when necessary
4. Provide forum for discussions with superintendent and BOE.