DISTRICTWIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

In compliance with Education Code 11.251, the Districtwide Education Council (DEIC) 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.

CHAIRPERSON

The elected representatives on the council shall elect a chairperson to serve a one-year term. Election for the chairperson shall be held the first week of the second semester.

MEETINGS

The chairperson of the council shall set its agenda, and shall schedule at least six meetings per year; additional meetings may be held at the call of the chairperson. All council meetings shall be held outside of the regular school day.

DUTIES OF COUNCIL

The council shall perform duties as described in BQA(LEGAL).

COMMUNITY INPUT

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the District-level council obtains broad-based community, parent, and staff input and provides information to those persons on a systematic basis. Methods of communication shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Periodic meetings to gather input and provide information on the work of the council. These meetings shall be advertised in District publications and through the media.
2. Articles in in-house publications regarding work of the council.
3. Periodic reports to the principals on the work of the council that may be posted on campus bulletin boards.

COMPOSITION

The council shall be composed of members who shall represent campus-based professional staff, District-level professional staff, parents, businesses, and the community. At least two-thirds of the District and campus professional staff shall be classroom teachers. The remaining one-third shall be professional nonteaching District- and campus-level staff. 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.

PARENTS

The council shall include two parents of students currently enrolled within 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)]

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The council shall include 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. All community member representatives must reside in the District.

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES

The council shall include two businesspeople, 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. Business member representatives need not reside in nor operate businesses in the District.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The professional employees shall consist of at least three or four representatives from each campus. Two or three representatives shall be nominated by and elected from classroom teachers assigned to the campus. One representative shall be nominated by and elected from nonteaching professional employees assigned to the campus. At least one District-level professional staff member, other than the Superintendent, shall be elected by the District-level professional staff.

ELECTIONS

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 representatives on the council. [See also DGA]

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 the first week of the second semester of each school year at a time determined by the Board or its designee. Nomination and election shall be conducted in accordance with this policy and administrative regulations.

TERMS

Representatives shall serve staggered two-year terms and shall be limited to two consecutive terms on the council. After the initial election or selection, representatives shall draw lots, within each representative category, to determine the length of initial terms.

VACANCY

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 GROUPS

The existence of the District-level council shall not affect the authority of the Board or its designee to appoint or establish other ad-

visory groups or task forces to assist it in matters pertaining to District instruction.