DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

In compliance with Education Code 11.251, the District Advisory 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.

CHAIRPERSON

The Superintendent or designee shall be the Board's designee and shall provide for the election the chairperson of the council from among its members. The Superintendent shall meet with the council periodically.

MEETINGS

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

DUTIES OF COUNCIL

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

COMPOSITION

The council shall be composed of members who shall represent campus-based professional staff, District-level professional staff, parents, businesses, and the community. 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.

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. Articles in in-house publications regarding work of the council.
2. News releases to the media in the District regarding the work of the council.

PARENTS

The council shall include at least 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. [See BQA(LEGAL)]

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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 or designee shall use several methods

of communication to ensure that community residents are informed of the council. All community member representatives must reside in the District.

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES

The council shall include at least two businesspeople, selected by a process that provides for adequate representation of the community's diversity, in accordance with administrative procedures. The Superintendent or designee shall use several methods of communication to ensure that community residents are informed of the council. Business member representatives need not reside in nor operate businesses in the District.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The professional employees shall consist of representatives from each campus. Representatives shall be nominated by and elected from classroom teachers 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 in the fall 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.

VACANCY

A vacancy during a term shall be filled for the remainder of the term by election or selection as appropriate for the category.

OTHER ADVISORY GROUPS

The existence of the District Advisory 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.