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District Improvement Committee	In compliance with Education Code 11.251, the District Improvement Committee 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 committee shall serve exclusively in an advisory role except that the committee shall approve staff development of a Districtwide nature.
Chairperson	The Superintendent shall be the Board's designee and shall serve as chairperson of the committee.
Meetings	The chairperson of the committee shall set its agenda, and shall schedule at least four meetings per year; additional meetings may be held at the call of the chairperson.
Duties of Committee	The committee shall perform duties as described in BQA(LEGAL).
Communications	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the District-level committee obtains broad-based community, parent, and staff input and provides information to those persons on a systematic basis. Methods of communication may include, but not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. News releases to the local media regarding the work of the committee.2. Periodic reports on the work of the committee that may be posted on campus bulletin boards.3. Articles regarding the work of the committee in District/campus publications and on the District Web page.
Composition	The committee shall be composed of members representing 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 committee shall include 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 committee's duties and composition, and shall solicit volunteers. [See BQA(LEGAL)]
Community Members	The committee shall include community members selected by a process that provides for adequate representation of the community's diversity, in accordance with administrative procedures. The

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	<p>Superintendent shall use several methods of communication to ensure that community residents are informed of the committee and are provided the opportunity to participate, and shall solicit volunteers. Community representatives must reside in the District.</p>
<p>Business Representatives</p>	<p>The committee shall include 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 community residents are informed of the committee and are provided the opportunity to participate, and shall solicit volunteers. Business representatives need not reside in nor operate businesses in the District.</p>
<p>Professional Staff</p>	<p>Three teachers shall be nominated and elected by the classroom teachers assigned to each campus. One campus-based nonteaching professional shall be nominated and elected by the nonteaching professional employees assigned to each campus. At least one District-level professional staff member, other than the Superintendent, shall be elected by the District-level nonteaching professional staff.</p>
<p>Elections</p>	<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 representatives on the committee. [See also DGA]</p> <p>The consent of each nominee shall be obtained before the person's name may appear on the ballot. Election of the committee 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.</p>
<p>Terms</p>	<p>Representatives shall be elected or selected annually, with no limit as to the number of consecutive terms one may serve on the committee.</p>
<p>Vacancy</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Other Advisory Groups</p>	<p>The existence of the District-level committee 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.</p>