



## **DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Annual Report to the Board of Trustees 2008-2009**

**July 23, 2009**

<b>DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009</b>
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## **Introduction**

Each school district in the state is required in §11.251 of the Texas Education Code to establish and maintain a district-wide advisory committee to assist in the planning and decision making process. AISD policies BQ-Legal, BQA-Legal, and BQA-Local establish the District Advisory Council (DAC). This report documents DAC activities and membership for the period of June 2008 through May 2009, and is presented to the Board of Trustees in accordance with DAC Bylaws.

## **Activities**

The DAC held nine regular business meetings during the period of report, as well as the annual DAC planning retreat. Following are items discussed by the DAC for the period of report:

- Title I funding allocations
- Middle Level Education Plan
- Strategic Compensation program
- State and federal accountability ratings
- TEA waiver request to exempt principals from Texas Principals Excellence Program training requirements
- Implementation of campus Safety Check program
- TEA waiver request to modify TAKS testing schedules
- 2008-2009 District Improvement Plan
- 2009-2010 district calendar
- Reagan-LBJ Vertical Team Coalition
- DAC coordination with Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) and English Language Learners Citizens Advisory Committee (ELLCAC)
- Implementation of Parent Connection program
- Overview of 2009-2010 budget process
- District Efficiency Study
- Superintendent search process
- 2009-2010 District and Campus Improvement Plan process
- Vision for Pearce Middle School and Reagan High School
- Reagan High School closure contingency plan
- Leadership Development program
- 2009-2010 budget proposal for campus technology support

Two of the DAC's regular business meetings for the period of report were held at campuses – Pearce Middle School and Davis Elementary School – as part of the DAC's ongoing effort to provide assistance and opportunities for two-way communications with Campus Advisory Councils (CACs).

In addition, the DAC Executive Committee held 10 meetings during the period of report. The Executive Committee sets the agenda for regular DAC business meetings, receives updates and information from the Superintendent, and serves as the DAC membership selection committee.

**Communications with the Board of Trustees**

The DAC maintains communications with the Board of Trustees in several ways, including:

- The Board selects one Trustee to sit on the DAC as an ex officio member (the current Board representative is Trustee Lori Moya)
- The DAC and the Board annually hold a joint public meeting to present and discuss the District Report Card (for the period of report, this joint meeting was held on February 2, 2009)
- Trustees are invited to attend the annual planning retreat of the DAC
- The DAC provides annual recommendations to the Board on budget priorities (for the period of report, the DAC provided budget recommendations to the Board on January 28, 2009)

**Membership**

According to DAC bylaws, the membership of the DAC includes parents, teachers, students, principals and other administrators, business representatives, and community members. The total membership of the DAC is 67 people. The Board of Trustees approved the 2008-2009 membership of the DAC on May 27, 2008.

The DAC Bylaws also include a goal specifically related to membership diversity. As indicated in the following table, the DAC has made significant improvements in the diversity of its membership.

<b>DAC Membership by Ethnicity</b>	<b>03-04</b>	<b>04-05</b>	<b>05-06</b>	<b>06-07</b>	<b>07-08</b>	<b>08-09</b>
African American	9.4%	8.8%	12.3%	10.0%	12.7%	11.1%
Hispanic	11.3%	29.8%	24.6%	26.7%	27.3%	27.0%
White	79.2%	61.4%	57.9%	56.7%	56.4%	58.7%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%	6.7%	3.6%	3.2%

**Conclusion**

For the period of report, the DAC provided the district with over 200 hours of assistance in considering a number of important issues. Further, the DAC Executive Committee provided over 150 hours of service. The DAC continues to provide a vital contribution to accomplishing the mission and goals of the district.