

**Roseville Area Schools Independent School District 623
Legislative Action Committee Advisory Council Bylaws**

ARTICLE I - NAME

1. The name of this Advisory Committee shall be the "Independent School District 623 Legislative Action Committee" (the "LAC").

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES AND MISSION STATEMENT

The LAC exists as a nonpartisan organization to serve the following purposes:

1. Advise the Roseville Area Schools Independent School District 623 Board ("School Board") concerning legislative issues and matters affecting public education.
2. Provide information and education to the community, including but not limited to parents, concerning legislative issues and matters affecting public education.
3. Promote parental and community involvement in legislative issues and matters affecting public education.
4. Advocate for education-related legislative positions as developed and decided by the LAC annually.

The LAC Mission Statement is as follows:

Whereas, the state is constitutionally mandated to provide public education, the Independent District 623 Legislative Action Committee believes that:

- * a high-quality public education system is the cornerstone of a strong community
- * stable and adequate funding sources are essential for providing quality programs;
- * local control is most effective in meeting community needs;
- * partnerships between families, educators, and the community foster and enhance the learning and development of every learner;
- * an informed and involved community is essential to our students' success; and
- * as each student learns in unique ways and at different rates, curriculum, instruction and assessment methods must focus on those differences.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. New LAC members will be appointed by the LAC annually at the September LAC meeting, and at other times as deemed necessary and as vacancies arise. The LAC will consider for membership persons who show interest or are recommended for membership, and who desire to keep abreast of the legislative process as it relates to public education and participate in the functions of the LAC.
2. To the extent feasible, the LAC may consist of at least the following:
 - * At least one parent representative from each school in Independent School District 623;
 - * At least one parent representative from the Independent School District 623 Early Childhood Family Education program;
 - * At least one community member other than those listed above;
 - * At least one liaison, serving on a rotating schedule, who is a current School Board member; The liaison will attend LAC meetings, or send a substitute, as a nonvoting member.
 - * At least one liaison from School District 623 Administration. The liaison will attend LAC meetings, or send a substitute, as a nonvoting member.

ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS

1. The LAC may appoint a chair or co-chairs who will prepare meeting agendas, lead LAC meetings and perform other duties and functions as needed. Chairs/co-chairs and other LAC officers serve for one-year terms.
2. Members will share duties for keeping meeting minutes and preparing LAC updates to interested persons by rotation during the school year.

ARTICLE V -- MEETINGS

1. Meetings will be held periodically as designated by the chair/co-chairs, but at least four times during each school year.
2. LAC members will attempt to reach consensus regarding LAC decisions, but motions may be passed on majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES

LAC members are expected to:

1. Communicate and act as liaisons with parent-teacher organizations at their respective schools, or with the ECFE program, the District 623 community, or School Board, as applicable;
2. Compile and maintain contact information regarding persons at their respective schools, or in the ECFE program, or the District 623 community, as applicable, who desire to be kept informed of LAC activities, and seek to identify potential new LAC members as needed;
3. Attend LAC meetings;
4. Attend School Board meetings as requested by the School Board liaison or as designated by the LAC chair/co-chairs;
5. Take responsibility for duties relating to events and/or activities sponsored by the LAC as designated by the LAC chair/co-chairs;
6. Make efforts to be informed about legislative issues and matters affecting public education, and gather information about specific issues as decided by the LAC or designated by the LAC chair/co-chairs; and
7. Consult with other entities involved in legislative issues and matters affecting public education as decided by the LAC or designated by the LAC chair/co-chairs.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be presented for consideration by circulating to LAC members at which time the LAC can vote to accept the proposed amendment(s).

ARTICLE VIII – SUBCOMMITTEES

The LAC may appoint subcommittees and/or task forces as it deems necessary to address specific needs or carry out its functions.

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