

Clark County Schools Advisory Council

Purpose and Charge

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Purpose

The County Council is spearheading a countywide Clark County Schools Advisory Council (SAC) to help the community develop a common understanding of Clark County school issues; recommend policy and legislative initiatives; and foster excellent learning opportunities.

Charge

Role: SAC would represent a wide range of interests.

- Members would work to understand, discuss, and seek consensus on regional school issues.
- Develop recommendations and identify an implementation strategy.
- Members would be liaisons between constituents and the schools, representing the community as a whole.
- Develop recommendations that reflect a broad and balanced range of community needs, interests, expectations and perspectives.

Level of involvement: Given the nature of an issue and specific public process for its resolution, the group's role will vary. Potential roles may be to:

- Regularly receive information and offer comments and thoughts;
- Receive briefings and give recommendations;
- Have members attend advisory groups on specific issues and report to the County Council for action;
- Serve as the lead stakeholder group to review options and build community consensus on school issues; and
- Relevant issues identified by County Council.

Initial Issues:

- Growth Management (Community Framework Policies/Countywide Planning Policies, 20-Year Comprehensive Growth Plan Schools Element)
- Mental Health
- Public Health
- Affordable Housing/Homeless Kids

Membership: The County Council suggests the SAC be structured as follows:

County Council	2	Chair and one councilor
K-12 schools	9	School board members or Superintendents
Higher education	1	WSU Vancouver, Clark College
Neighborhood association	2	One from Vancouver, one from NACCC
Economic development	1	Columbia River Economic Development Council
Early learning	1	
County Services	<u>1</u>	(Public Health, Juvenile Justice, Community Services)
Total	17	

Note: Each member would appoint a voting alternate.

Meetings: Initially, the SAC would meet every other month to establish its protocols, list of issues and schedule. The longer-term goal would be to meet quarterly. All meetings will be open to the public.