

## **21st Century Schools Councils**

The Board directs the superintendent to encourage community involvement in shared decision making and to foster the collaborative efforts of district personnel, students, parents and community members through 21st Century Schools Councils at each school site.

Additionally, the Board may, as deemed necessary for assisting in the administration of grants or for coordination of districtwide programs, establish 21st Century Schools Councils and/or other special committees at the district level for specific projects or issues.

The establishment and charge of the 21st Century Schools Councils shall not interfere with the duties, responsibilities and rights of the duly elected Board.

At the school site 21st Century Schools Councils shall be structured as follows:

### **Composition**

1. 21st Century Schools Councils shall be composed of teachers, parents, classified employees and administrator or designee as follows:
  - a. Not more than half of the members shall be teachers;
  - b. Not more than half of the members shall be parents of students attending that school;
  - c. At least one member shall be a classified employee;
  - d. One member shall be a administrator or designee;
  - e. In addition, other members may be designated including, but not limited to, local school committee members, business leaders, students and members of the community-at-large.

### **Selection**

2. Members of the 21st Century Schools Council shall be selected as follows:
  - a. Teachers shall be licensed teachers elected by licensed teachers at the school site;
  - b. Classified employees shall be elected by classified employees at the school site;
  - c. Parents shall be selected by parents of students attending the school;
  - d. Others shall be selected by the council.