



September 6, 2016

Dear Parents,

We encourage you to make a difference in the governance of our school by participating in this year's School Site Council (SSC) and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). These groups are mandated by California Education Code and directed by LAUSD policy. The SSC is mandated under California Education Code 52853 and makes decisions regarding the use of categorical funding for our students based on written recommendations from our school's English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). The SSC represents all our stakeholders and is comprised of teachers, parents/community, other school staff, the principal and students in secondary schools.

The English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) is mandated under California Education Code 52176(b). All schools, including Special Education schools, with twenty-one (21) or more English Learner (EL) students are required to establish an ELAC. The ELAC represents parents and legal guardians of EL students, who must constitute at least 51% of the membership; however, if the percentage of EL students in the school is greater than 51%, the percentage of EL parents on the ELAC must match the school's total EL population. ELAC advises on programs and services for EL students.

We will hold an orientation meeting for all who are interested in participating as a member or as a stakeholder in learning about our council and committee prior to the election of representatives.

Please join us on the following dates/times for our 2016-17 orientation and elections:

Orientation Meeting *to learn more about the purpose and the responsibilities of membership*

Date: September 9, 2016

Time: 8:15 a.m.

Location: gymnasium

Election of Members/Officers *to vote for the person(s) you want to represent you on the council/committee*

Date: September 9, 2016

Time: 8:15 a.m.

Location: gymnasium

We hope you will consider attending these important meetings so that we can ensure an effective council and committee that will make a difference in the education of our students.

Sincerely,

Principal