

Who We Are

The Community Wisdom Council (CWC) is a group of families and community representatives working with the Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) to improve education. It combines the previous Wisdom Council and Representative Advisory Committee, aiming to create an inclusive and supportive environment.

Our goals are:

1. Getting everyone involved in improving the education system, recognizing the power of families and communities to advocate for and effect change.
2. Provide a connection between communities, school districts, and the regional initiatives, and making sure that are all on the same page and working together.
3. Advocating for students, families and communities in school district and PSESD spaces, making sure they're listening to what students, families, and BIPOC communities have to say.

The work of the Community Wisdom Council is community-led with support and resources provided by Puget Sound Educational Service District staff: Angelica Alvarez, *Director, Student & Family Centered Improvement Initiatives*.

What We Do

The Community Wisdom Council offers consistent chances for families and community leaders to meet with District and PSESD leaders by participating in PSESD initiatives and convenings. The Community Wisdom Council meets by-monthly to share updates, tackle practical issues, and seek out diverse viewpoints for their collaborative projects. We work to foster connections and boost capacity in PSESD's efforts in partnering with local families and communities.

Benefits

The Community Wisdom Council members are compensated at the rate of \$25/hour for providing their wisdom and experience to PSESD meetings, convenings and trainings.

Application

If you are currently living in the PSESD's service area and passionate about advocating for students, families and community in the school system, please complete the following [brief application](#).

Additional questions?

Please contact Jacquetta McGowen (lynnnces@gmail.com) or Angelica Alvarez (aalvarez@psesd.org).