

Budget Advisory Committee Charter

I. Purpose

The Budget Advisory Committee is established to discuss solutions for the efficient and effective allocation of resources within our school district. The team's primary objectives are:

1. **Enhance Understanding:** To foster a comprehensive understanding of the budget process, including the intricacies of Texas school finance structures, challenges, and implications.
2. **Gather Input:** To inform the budget development and revision process, we will actively solicit input from diverse stakeholders, including staff, community members, and board representatives.
3. **Collaborate on Budget Optimization:** Partner to explore budget optimization strategies that minimize the potential impact on students and staff while upholding the district's core values and beliefs.
4. **Facilitate Communication:** To serve as a conduit for transparent and ongoing communication regarding budget discussions with staff, community members, and other stakeholders.

II. Outcome

The Budget Advisory Committee aims to help prioritize budget reduction strategies while prioritizing student success, staff well-being, and community trust. The team's efforts will result in:

- A well-informed and engaged school community.
- Recommended priorities that optimize resources.

III. Membership

The Budget Advisory Committee will consist of a diverse group of representatives, ensuring stakeholder perspectives are considered. Members will include:

- Representatives from the Financial Ambassadors Committee
- Board Representatives
- Parents and Community Members
- Campus and Department Staff Members

IV. Action and Milestones

The Budget Advisory Committee will follow a structured timeline to achieve its objectives:

- **August:**
 - Discuss the team's formation and purpose in the Board Budget Committee.
 - Hold a budget workshop to discuss.
 - Present the charter to the Board for approval.
 - Finalize team membership.
- **September:**
 - Conduct the first Budget Advisory Committee meeting.
 - Campus and Department input gathered.
 - Host a community forum to gather input on budget priorities
- **October:**
 - Conduct the second Budget Advisory Committee meeting.
- **November:**
 - Conduct the third Budget Advisory Committee meeting.
 - Superintendent will collaborate with the administrative team to refine recommendations.
- **December**
 - Share the team's findings and recommendations with the Board Budget Committee.
- **January:**
 - Present the team's findings and recommendations in a Board workshop or presentation.

V. Additional Considerations

- The Budget Advisory Committee will operate under the principles of transparency, collaboration, and respect for diverse perspectives.
- The team will regularly review its progress and adjust its strategies as needed to ensure the achievement of its objectives.
- The team will seek feedback from stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that its work is relevant and impactful.

VI. Approval

This charter is hereby approved by the Board of Belton ISD on August 19, 2024.

Signature:

Date:

 Board President
 Belton Independent School District

 8/19/2024