INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
Educating, developing, and inspiring our students for lifelong success.

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Title **Legislative Advisory Council**

1. **Purpose** – The purpose of the Legislative Advisory Council (LAC) is to enhance community understanding of legislative proposals that impact District 196 and promote citizen involvement in the legislative process.
2. **Role**
   - 2.1 The LAC gives input on the district's legislative platform, reviews suggestions submitted by citizens and staff and, as appropriate, provides input to the School Board regarding proposed legislation.
   - 2.2 The LAC shall provide the board and administration with input on:
     - 2.2.1 Legislative priorities;
     - 2.2.2 Possible effects of proposed legislation, and
     - 2.2.3 The cost impact of proposed legislation.
   - 2.3 The LAC reviews the long-range effects of legislation on the district.
   - 2.4 The LAC reviews and provides input on specific legislative issues, as identified by the School Board or the administration.
   - 2.5 The LAC is a nonpartisan committee and members are expected to maintain neutrality regarding party politics.
3. **Membership**
   - 3.1 The LAC is comprised of seven at-large citizen members with experience in government affairs lobbying and/or the legislative process and one representative from each of the following District 196 advisory councils and committees who are direct stakeholders in the school district (a district resident, the parent or guardian of a district student, or a district employee):
     - 3.1.1 Budget Advisory Council
     - 3.1.2 Curriculum and Instruction Advisory Council
     - 3.1.3 Community Education Advisory Council
     - 3.1.4 Early Childhood Family Services Advisory Council
     - 3.1.5 Equity Advisory Council
     - 3.1.6 Native American Parent Advisory Committee
     - 3.1.7 River Valley Project Explore Advisory Council
     - 3.1.8 Special Education Advisory Council
   - 3.2 The superintendent, district communications director and at least one member~~s~~ of the School Board serve as ex-officio members of the LAC.
   - 3.3 Member terms begin July 1 and end June 30. Terms of citizen members last two years and are staggered, with three or four positions up each year. Terms of members appointed by advisory councils or committees last one year.
   - 3.4 The School Board approves the seven at-large citizen members.

4. **Meetings**

4.1 The LAC holds at least four meetings each year, as determined by the council, and members communicate electronically between meetings.

4.2 LAC meetings are publicized on the district website.

4.3 LAC meetings are open to the public. The LAC may, at its discretion, permit members of the public to address the council.

4.4 The communications director ensures that minutes are taken at each meeting and maintains a copy in district records.