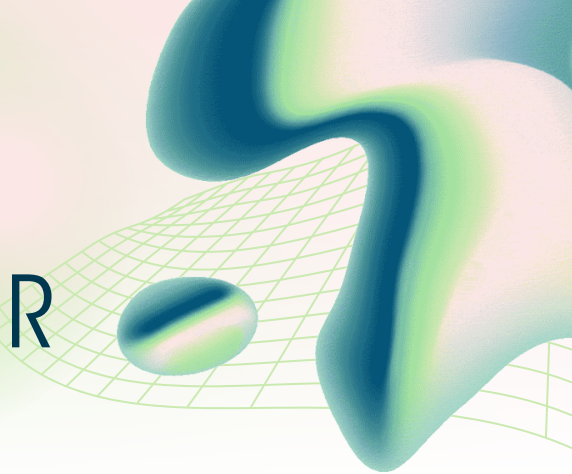


DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER



September 2025

A Message From Our DAC Chair

Dear School Community,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! On behalf of the District Accountability Committee (DAC), I want to extend a warm welcome to all families, staff, and community members. We're excited to continue partnering with you to ensure every student thrives. We all are District 11 and collectively thrive to make our district the best it can be for our students. It takes all of us.

Our Newsletter is a great resource and filled with information to support you and your school.

Thank you for the critical role you play in supporting school improvement and student success. We look forward to seeing your SACs in action and supporting your efforts throughout the year.

With appreciation,
Marion Clawson
Chair, District Accountability Committee (DAC)

Stay Connected!

Subscribe to the DAC Newsletter

Never miss an update! Stay informed about upcoming meetings, important announcements, and opportunities to get involved by subscribing to the [DAC Newsletter](#). Use the link, then click the little bell icon and follow the process.

Start-of-Year SAC To-Do List

SACs, get ready for a productive year! Here are some essential tasks to tackle as you begin:

1. **Elect a SAC Chair** (or confirm continuing leadership)

2. **Establish Meeting Schedule:** Set regular meeting dates and times for the entire school year.
3. **Update your SAC info on your school's website:** Post it under the *Family and Community* tab for easy access.
4. **Review SAC Bylaws:** Familiarize yourselves with your SAC's bylaws and operating procedures.
5. **Collaborate on your School's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP):** Set your timeline and plan how to gather community input on your school's goals

Update SAC Chair Contact Info

Ensure seamless communication by promptly updating your SAC Chair's contact information with the district. Please submit updated information by using this [form](#).

Save the Date: SAC Training

SAC Training will be held on **September 4th!**

This training session is designed to equip SAC members with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively contribute to their schools. More details regarding the time and venue will follow. Mark your calendars! All SAC members are invited to our first training of the year. We'll cover key roles, responsibilities, and tools to support effective SAC participation. Details and registration info coming soon!

Good Things

We welcomed many new DAC members at our first ALL committee meeting on Thursday, August 21st. DAC meetings are always public! You can find meeting information such as agendas, which include the WebEx links, on the District Calendar or the D11/DAC website an hour before meetings start.

Let's Talk!

Do you have questions, comments, or suggestions for the DAC? We want to hear from you! Just visit the [D11 DAC Website](#) and use the Let's Talk button, which is located on the right of your screen.

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

The District Accountability Committee Budget Subcommittee is preparing for an important year of work in District 11. This group of parents, staff, and community members plays a key role in reviewing financial priorities, analyzing budget

proposals, and making recommendations to the D11 Board of Education. Their efforts help ensure that resources are aligned with student needs, community values, and district goals.

For the 2025–26 school year, the subcommittee will focus on gaining a deeper understanding of federal funding programs and how they are used to support both district and school priorities. Members will examine how enrollment changes affect funding, review the School Based Budgeting model, and analyze mid year budget adjustments. The group will also review audit results to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.

This year's agendas will look a little different from past years, with a stronger emphasis on connecting financial decisions to classroom impact. By looking closely at how federal and state dollars are applied, the subcommittee will help inform decisions that support long term sustainability.

Check Us Out!



Stay tuned for the next newsletter!