



Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent (PACS)

Key Communications

Kate Wearn & Lorrie Melton (co-chairs)

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025

10 – 11:45 a.m.

District Office, 1985 Barkley Blvd.

Each school has two representatives on this committee.

Welcome and Introductions

Co-chairs – Lorrie Melton & Kate Wearn

Superintendent's Update

What is PACS? Dr. Baker shared the purpose of PACS which includes parents/guardians learning about different aspects of the district, providing input and being a key communicator to other parents/guardians at your children's schools. Some PACS representatives have gone on to volunteer, run for school board and/or work for the district. We appreciate your participation and look forward to an exciting year of listening and learning together.

Levies: [BPS has two levies on the ballot this November](#). Dr. Baker shared context that the state's duty is to fully fund public education. Their funding systems are inadequate and flawed, so districts go out for levies and bonds. Dr. Baker highlighted some key areas that are underfunded, including Special Education and utilities and insurance.

The **supplemental operations levy** is in response to the state legislature slightly raising the levy lid. It's a three-year levy, and it's the only levy we can leverage to help pay for staff and programs, including teachers and lowering class size. The **facilities maintenance levy** is a six-year levy and would allow us to provide a dedicated funding source to help maintain our buildings and schools. You can learn more about [our levies on district website](#), which includes frequently asked questions and videos.

Small Group Discussions

- **What topics might we want to learn about and discuss this year?**

PACS members participated in a brainstorm process to capture ideas and topics that parents/guardians would like to know more about at future meetings. After each group shared some of their ideas, each member cast five weighted votes to help prioritize future topics. The co-chairs will collate the group's ideas and work with district leadership to plan for the next meeting.

Future meetings: Dec. 11; Feb. 19; April 23; May 14