



D11 District Accountability Committee Newsletter

December 2025

Welcome

Greetings, District 11 Community!

Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful holiday season! As we finish out the year, I want to thank you for being part of our District 11 community and for staying engaged and attentive.

Thank you to all who voted. Whether or not your preferred candidate was elected, we welcome our newly elected board members as they begin their service. As the District Accountability Committee (DAC), we remain committed to focusing on what is best for students.

If you missed the November DAC meeting—which included a [budget subcommittee meeting](#), open to all—please take a moment to review the discussion on enrollment and its financial impacts. (Check the link [here](#) Password: CqH3vEG3)

Looking ahead, the DAC will continue conversations about the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), including updates on pilot sites, the new process, and what makes it different. Our DAC working groups will also be preparing for the upcoming SAC Workshop in January.

Mark your calendars for January 29, 6–8 PM!

This workshop will explore how School Accountability Committees (SACs) can offer valuable input to principals on student/site-based budgeting, as well as how to communicate school priorities to the DAC.

As we head into winter break, I hope you have the chance to enjoy as many holiday concerts and performances as possible (check out the [VAPA calendar](#)) and take some well-deserved time off.

I look forward to connecting with all of you in the new year!

Warmly,

Marion Clawson

District 11 DAC-chair

December DAC Meeting

Join us for our December meeting on December 18 from 5:30-8:00 PM at Tesla!

Come dressed in your most cheerful holiday attire and bring some cookies to share. Let's celebrate the season together with community, connection, and plenty of sweet treats!

November DAC Meeting Update

The meeting provided updates on accreditation, training, and support, with plans for future discussions on budget and accreditation. These discussions helped set the foundation for continued collaboration and ensured everyone is aligned on current priorities. All updates are included in this newsletter for anyone who would like to review them in more detail.

Participants are encouraged to reach out with any questions or feedback after reading through the information. Open communication remains an essential part of our process, and we welcome any clarification or input that may support the work ahead.

December Topics for SAC Meetings

Every month we intend to provide a reasonable flow of SAC agenda topics that meet the broad responsibilities of School District 11 SACs. This is just a reference tool, and individual SACs should tailor their agendas appropriate to their school needs and emphasis.

Theme: Catch up and safe learning environment (If you have a December meeting)

- If meeting, use time to complete items not addressed so far and prepare for future tasks.
- Review/discuss with the principal the school's implementation of the educator evaluation system and alignment with instructional goals.
- Review/discuss safe learning environment (safety, discipline, attendance, student/staff satisfaction, Chicago 5E survey plans, etc.)
- Review available progress monitoring data results and compare against USIP (One Plan) goals.

Customizable SAC agenda template

Please check out our [template](#). Simply copy the document and add your agenda items or choose from our monthly suggestions.

INVITE us to your next SAC meeting

Aiming to build community DAC area representatives would like to visit your School's SAC meeting, please invite us using "LET'S TALK" on the [DAC website](#). This is an opportunity to connect and meet a resource for questions or support in all things SAC.

Need help with your SAC?

Please reach out to us. We are here to help!

SAC Workshops (formerly “SAC Trainings”)

Our next SAC Workshop will be held Thursday, January 29th from 6:00-8:00. The location will be announced soon.

This workshop's topic include:

- **Student/Site-based budgeting** exploring the SAC's role in the budgeting process
- **Area Breakout Session** gathering together to discuss ways to connect and help each other.

Remember that everyone is welcome to attend even if you do not attend a SAC. Food and childcare are provided. We look forward to your attendance.

Community events





 **51st Annual Craft Fair** 

No Admission Fee!

Pictures with Santa from 10am to 3pm!

Over 254 vendors!

Accepting donations for **Toys for Tots! Please
bring new, unwrapped toys for children in need
in our community!**

**Funds raised benefit the Doherty High School Band
Program: the Spartan Legion Marching Band and Color
Guard, and Jazz Band, Concert Band, Symphonic and
Wind Concert Ensembles along with Winterguard and
Winter Percussion!**



Happy Holidays from the DAC

As we come to the close of 2025, we want to extend our warmest wishes to all our students, families, staff, and community. Your hard work, dedication, and school spirit have made this year truly special, and we're grateful for the energy and enthusiasm you bring to our district every day. This season is a wonderful time to pause, reflect, and celebrate the accomplishments—big and small—that we've achieved together.

From all of us in the district accountability committee, we wish you a joyful, restful, and safe holiday season. May your days be filled with laughter, connection, and plenty of well-deserved relaxation. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, refreshed and ready for more learning, growth, and fun!

Happy Holidays!

Please share this newsletter with other families and community members. Together, we build stronger schools for all our students.