

Organization for Local School-Community Involvement

Every school in the Cincinnati Public Schools shall have a local organization that will permit parents, staff members, and other concerned citizens, under the leadership of the local school principal, to share in the process of arriving at decisions which affect the local school. In the establishment of the Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC) Board Policy 1221 shall be followed:

Parent Representatives shall be elected at a general parent meeting which is announced in advance to all parents (or guardians) with students at the school. A parent representative must be a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian of a student at the school.

If no PTA or similar organization exists, the local school principal is directed to meet with the representatives of the appropriate PTA Council to explore the possibility of forming a unit in the assigned school.

If it does not appear feasible to use or form a PTA unit, the principal shall cause to be formed a similar organization to meet the desired ends. No uniform structure shall be imposed on the local schools in forming such organizations except that, in each case, primary consideration shall be given to representation of parents of children in the school and faculty members. Such organizations shall consult with and advise the school principals on local school programs and may prepare and present to the board and the superintendent suggestions for improving the quality of education in the local schools.

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