

## SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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## Board of Education Accepting Applications for District Advisory Committee

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education is currently accepting applications for the spring semester for openings on its district advisory committees (DACs). Applications can be found at <a href="http://www.smmusd.org/DAC/pdf/DACappEngSP.pdf">http://www.smmusd.org/DAC/pdf/DACappEngSP.pdf</a>, and are due to the superintendent's office by February 16, 2018.

Members of the public are encouraged to apply to serve on one of the following committees: Early Child Care and Development, Health and Safety, Intercultural Equity and Excellence, Special Education, and Visual and Performing Arts. Membership terms range from one to four years to allow for a balance of expiring terms each year.

District advisory committees provide a method whereby citizens and educators can understand better the attitudes and opinions, which are held in the school-community environment. The Board, or the Superintendent with the Board's approval, may appoint district advisory committees to advise the Board on school concerns, needs and issues from a balanced, logical, and analytic perspective, as the need arises.

The attainment of excellence through equity will further focus the work of the district advisory committees. It is not the intention that advisory committees become policy-making bodies or that they manage or direct staff. Committees are advisory in nature only; that is, they inform, suggest, and recommend to the Board of Education.

All DAC members are expected to:

- 1. Keep excellence through equity as the primary focus
- 2. Recognize and respect differences of perspective and style on the committee and among staff, students, parents and/or guardians and the community
- 3. Conduct him/herself in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility and respect

To learn more about each DAC, please visit: <u>http://www.smmusd.org/DAC/index.html</u>.

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