

## **Bilingual Advisory Committees (BACs)**

Bilingual Advisory Committees (BACs) empower parents of English Learners (ELs) to participate in their student's education and advocate for the academic, social, and cultural development of all ELs.

BAC meetings address issues relating to the education of English Learners (ELs) in TBE or TPI instructional contexts; provide information about CPS services, programs, and resources for students and families; and train parents to effectively participate in the overall governance of bilingual education.

Some Objectives of the BAC and OLCE:

- Ensure the organization and training of the BAC members at the local and citywide level
- Collaborate on School Functions
- Select topics and presenters for Community Workshops
- Provide technical assistance to the EL Program Teacher and existing BACs
- Empower each local BAC to ensure their participation in the education of their children
- Encourage parents to take on leadership roles within the school community and other parent committees, such as the Local School Councils
- Engage parents and families in the overall governance of bilingual education.

## **Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)**

Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) empower parents to serve as partners in the education of their children at schools that receive Title 1 funding.

Each academic year, schools establish Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) to bring together parents/legal guardians, teachers/staff, and community stakeholders to work with their school principal in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of the Title I Program.

PACs empower parents to inspire and assist their children in achieving educational goals and graduating from elementary and high school. PAC meeting activities include:

- Provide input on amendments and future Title I programs
- Advise the principal on how Title 1 parent engagement funds should be spent in alignment with the school's Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP)
- Jointly develop and approve a parent involvement policy which includes a school-parent compact
- Share ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Title I information updates received from the New Region PAC
- Provide assistance, support, and training to parents to improve their literacy and parent skills
- Work to create equal partnerships between teachers, staff, and parents in the education of students
- Provide information to parents that will enable them to work with the school to promote their children's grade level progress

PACs meet monthly through the school year. Meetings are open to the public.