



## **POLICY 1.097**

**4-E** I recommend the Board adopt the proposed revised Policy 1.097, entitled “Academic Advisory Committee.”

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### **Adoption**

### **CONSENT ITEM**

- The Board approved development of this revised Policy at the development reading on November 22, 2011.
- This revision adds a member of the Hispanic Education Coalition for Palm Beach County to the committee composition, increasing the committee membership to twenty (20) positions. See 3(a).

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**ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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3 **1. Purpose and Mission.**

4 The School Board (hereinafter the "Board") and Superintendent recognize the  
5 significance of the District's academic program in relation to the instruction of the  
6 District's students. To assist the School Board and Superintendent in receiving  
7 feedback from the District's stakeholders about academic programs as set forth in  
8 subparagraph 4 below, an Academic Advisory Committee (AAC or Committee) is  
9 created as an advisory committee to the School Board and will make reports to the  
10 School Board and Superintendent. The AAC shall be governed by its Charter, as  
11 set forth herein. The AAC would serve the purpose of involving parents, partners,  
12 teachers, administrators, employees, and volunteers in reviewing the numerous  
13 variables that impact upon the District's ability to provide excellence in education to  
14 all of the District's students and provide them with the knowledge, skills, and ethics  
15 required for responsible citizenship and productive employment.

16 **2. Advisory Authority and Key Areas of Advisory Responsibility.**

- 17 a. The AAC will be advisory in nature and operate in accordance with State and  
18 Federal statutes and regulations, as well as Board policies.
- 19 b. The AAC will receive input from staff and other sources, and provide advice  
20 on:
- 21 i. academic programs (ex. curriculum, testing, choice),
  - 22 ii. academic resources in general (ex. administrative and instructional  
23 staffing, educational tools, instructional materials),
  - 24 iii. academic equity (i.e. access to quality education), and
  - 25 iv. school improvement.
- 26 c. The AAC will not:
- 27 i. be involved in or provide advice about the selection, transferring or  
28 disciplining of staff members,
  - 29 ii. participate in the selection of vendors or specific instructional materials;  
30 however, individual members may participate in the evaluation and/or  
31 selection of vendors and specific instructional materials, or
  - 32 iii. override the recommendations of school-based school advisory councils

33 and parent/teacher associations.

34 **3. Committee Composition; Appointment; Term.**

35 a. *Composition.* The AAC shall be comprised of 49 20 members who shall serve  
36 in a voluntary capacity and be appointed as follows:

37 i. seven (7) by the School Board (one (1) by each member of the Board)  
38 (community members);

39 ii. one (1) by the Superintendent;

40 iii. one (1) by the County Council of PTAs;

41 iv. one (1) by the NAACP;

42 v. one (1) by the Haitian Citizen's United Task Force, Inc.;

43 vi. one (1) by the Hispanic Council;

44 vii. one (1) by the District's ESE Advisory Committee;

45 viii. one (1) by the Palm Beach County League of Cities;

46 ix. one (1) by the Palm Beach County Education Commission;

47 x. one (1) Teacher of the year;

48 xi. one (1) by a post-secondary educational institution;

49 xii. one (1) by a business partner with an educational interest; ~~and~~

50 xiii. one (1) guidance counselor; ~~and~~

51 xiv. one (1) by the Hispanic Education Coalition of Palm Beach County.

52 b. *Appointment Preference.* Each Board member shall appoint one voting  
53 member from the community as provided for in Board Policy 1.09. In selecting  
54 community members, preference shall be given to persons who have a  
55 substantial interest in instructional delivery.

56 c. *Appointments by Superintendent.* The members from the post-secondary  
57 educational institution and the business partner with an educational interest  
58 shall be appointed by the Superintendent.

59 d. *Term of Appointments.* Members shall serve for one calendar year but may be  
60 reappointed each year by his/her appointing person/entity. The membership of

61 a community member who was appointed by a Board member shall serve as  
62 provided for in Board Policy 1.09.

63 e. *Distribution of Governing Policies.* Upon adoption of this policy, ACC members  
64 shall be provided with a copy of this policy and a copy of Board  
65 Policy [1.09](#) (Advisory committees to the Board). Upon the appointment of an  
66 individual(s) to the ACC, the individual(s) shall be provided with a copy of this  
67 policy and Board Policy 1.09.

68 **4. Committee Operations, Procedures and Administrative Matters.**

69 a. *Meetings.* The AAC will hold its meetings consistent with the provisions of  
70 Board Policy 1.09.

71 b. *Operations and Procedures.* The AAC shall conduct its meetings consistent  
72 with, and AAC members shall abide by, the provisions of Board Policy 1.09.

73 **5. Duration of Charter.** The ACC's Charter shall remain in effect until repealed or  
74 amended by the Board.

75 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ [1001.32\(2\)](#); [1001.41\(1\)](#) &  
76 [\(2\)](#); [1001.42\(25\)](#); [1001.43\(10\)](#)

77 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ [1001.32](#); [1001.41\(1\)](#); [1001.43\(2\) & \(10\)](#)

78 HISTORY: 1/12/2011; 10/5/2011; \_\_\_/\_\_\_2011

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 1.097 and finds it legally sufficient for adoption by the Board.

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