

OPTION 1

Quality Clark County Schools Advisory Council

Purpose and Charge

Purpose

The County Council ~~is wants to spearhead~~ing formation of a countywide Clark County Quality Schools Advisory Council (QSAC) to help the community: develop a common understanding of school issues; recommend ~~education~~ policy and legislative initiatives; and foster excellent learning opportunities.

~~Quality schools are essential to a healthy community and strong local economy. A stakeholder committee focused on schools would support community well-being, bolster and expand the business sector and economic development, and give residents a larger, more direct voice in their families' future.~~

Charge

Role: QSAC would represent a wide range of interests.

- ~~Members would work to understand, discuss, and seek consensus on regional school issues.~~
- ~~Develop recommendations and identify an implementation strategy.~~
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- ~~On all issues, members would be liaisons between constituents and the schools, representing the community as a whole.~~
- ~~Develop recommendations that reflect a broad and balanced range of community needs, interests, expectations and perspectives.~~

~~When developing recommendations, the QSAC would provide advice that reflects a broad and balanced range of community needs, interests, expectations and perspectives.~~

Level of involvement: Given the nature of an issue and specific public process for its resolution, the group's role will vary. Potential roles may be to:

- Regularly receive information and offer comments and thoughts;
- Receive briefings and give recommendations;
- Have members attend advisory groups on specific issues and report to the County Council for action; and
- Serve as the lead stakeholder group to review options and build community consensus on school issues.

Initial Issues:

- ~~Growth Management (Community Framework Policies/Countywide Planning Policies, 20-Year Comprehensive Growth Plan Schools Element)~~
- ~~Mental Health~~
- ~~Public Health~~
- ~~Affordable Housing/Homeless Kids~~

Membership: The County Council suggests the QSAC be structured as follows:

County Council	2	Chair and one councilor
Cities	2	One from Vancouver, one from a small city
K-12 schools	9	School board members or Superintendents

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Higher education	1	WSU Vancouver, Clark College
Neighborhood association	2	One from Vancouver, one from NACCC
Economic development	1	Columbia River Economic Development Council
<u>Early learning</u>	<u>1</u>	
<u>County Services Housing</u>	<u>1</u>	e.g., Building Industry Association,

Southwest

		Washington Association of Contractors and Builders
<u>Realtors</u>	<u>1</u>	Clark County Association of Realtors
<u>(Public Health, Juvenile Justice, Community Services)</u>		
Total	1749	

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Note: Each member would appoint a voting alternate.

Meetings: Initially, the QSAC would meet every other month to establish its protocols, list of issues and schedule. The longer-term goal would be to meet quarterly ~~for a period of three (3) years.~~ All meetings will be open to the public.

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OPTION 1a

Clark County Schools Advisory Council Purpose and Charge

Purpose

The County Council is spearheading a countywide Clark County Schools Advisory Council (SAC) to help the community develop a common understanding of school issues; recommend policy and legislative initiatives; and foster excellent learning opportunities.

Charge

Role: SAC would represent a wide range of interests.

- Members would work to understand, discuss, and seek consensus on regional school issues.
- Develop recommendations and identify an implementation strategy.
- Members would be liaisons between constituents and the schools, representing the community as a whole.
- Develop recommendations that reflect a broad and balanced range of community needs, interests, expectations and perspectives.

Level of involvement: Given the nature of an issue and specific public process for its resolution, the group's role will vary. Potential roles may be to:

- Regularly receive information and offer comments and thoughts;
- Receive briefings and give recommendations;
- Have members attend advisory groups on specific issues and report to the County Council for action; and
- Serve as the lead stakeholder group to review options and build community consensus on school issues.

Initial Issues:

- Growth Management (Community Framework Policies/Countywide Planning Policies, 20-Year Comprehensive Growth Plan Schools Element)
- Mental Health
- Public Health
- Affordable Housing/Homeless Kids

Membership: The County Council suggests the SAC be structured as follows:

County Council	2	Chair and one councilor
K-12 schools	9	School board members or Superintendents
Higher education	1	WSU Vancouver, Clark College
Neighborhood association	2	One from Vancouver, one from NACCC
Economic development	1	Columbia River Economic Development Council
Early learning	1	
County Services	1	(Public Health, Juvenile Justice, Community Services)
Total	17	

Note: Each member would appoint a voting alternate.

Meetings: Initially, the SAC would meet every other month to establish its protocols, list of issues and schedule. The longer-term goal would be to meet quarterly. All meetings will be open to the public.

OPTION 2

Schools Advisory Task Force Purpose and Charge

Purpose

The County Council is spearheading the formation of a countywide Schools Advisory Task Force to assist the county in developing a common understanding of school issues and recommend policy that fosters excellent learning opportunities. This new group will take a big-picture view of education, especially as it relates to economic development in Clark County.

Charge

Role: The task force would represent a wide range of interests.

- Members would work to understand, discuss, and seek consensus on regional school issues.
- Develop policy recommendations for the Clark County Community Framework Plan, Countywide Planning Policies and the 20-year Comprehensive Growth Management Plan Schools Element.
- Members would be liaisons between constituents and the schools, representing the community as a whole.
- Develop recommendations that reflect a broad and balanced range of community needs, interests, expectations and perspectives.

Level of involvement: Given the nature of an issue and specific public process for its resolution, the group's role will vary. Potential roles may be to:

- Regularly receive information and offer comments and thoughts; and
- Receive briefings and give recommendations.

Membership: The County Council suggests the task force be structured as follows:

County Council	2	Chair and one councilor
Cities	2	One from Vancouver, one from a small city
K-12 schools	9	School board members or Superintendents
Higher education	1	WSU Vancouver, Clark College
Neighborhood association	2	One from Vancouver, one from NACCC
Economic development	1	Columbia River Economic Development Council
Early learning	1	
Housing	1	e.g., Building Industry Association, Southwest Washington Association of Contractors and Builders
Realtors	1	Clark County Association of Realtors
Total	20	

Note: Each member would appoint a voting alternate.

Meetings: The task force would meet monthly to establish its protocols, list of issues and schedule. The task force should complete its charge in a timely manner not to exceed a period of three (3) years.