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To: Members of the Board of Education
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Re: Policy Reading
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Policy and Legal Services will present two Second Readings during the next Board of Education meeting. A description of the policies under consideration is provided below.

Article II.K. Granite School District Community Council

The Board approved this policy on a first reading subject to modifications related to the purpose section, the membership/makeup of the District Community Council (DCC), and the frequency of DCC meetings. Those modifications were made and the policy is presented for final action.

Article IX.A.1.v. Self-Reporting Requirements and Background Checks

Changes to this policy were necessitated by the replacement of USBE Rule R277-515 with Rule R277-217. This new USBE rule clarified the reporting requirements of employees and volunteers related to criminal conduct. No modifications were requested by the Board during the first reading, and the policy is presented for final action.

Article II.K. Granite School District Community Council

A. Purpose

The Board of Education of Granite School District (the Board) is committed to establishing and maintaining a culture of listening and responding to patrons, strengthening and collaborating with community councils, and providing timely and accurate information at all levels within the District. With this policy, a Granite School District Community Council (District Council) is established.

B. Membership and Functions

The District Council shall be composed of one parent member from each local school community councils duly elected after September of each school year, as determined by the local community council. The Board president, vice president, an assigned third Board member, and superintendent shall meet with District Council once per academic quarter, or more often as appropriate, to maintain open communication channels with patrons, facilitate collaboration among local councils, and provide timely and accurate information to school communities. District Council meetings will be scheduled in schools throughout the District. While not directly invited to participate, other parents or guardians of Granite School District students shall not be excluded from District Council meetings. A report of District Council meetings will be shared with the full Board.

1. Generally, the District Council shall endeavor to:
 - a. support the interests of children, parents, schools and the District;
 - b. encourage parents and patrons to participate in the development and implementation of programs and decisions affecting the schools;
 - c. promote educational achievement;
 - d. identify needs and priorities for individual schools and for the District as a whole;
 - e. communicate and resolve concerns; and
 - f. identify opportunities to strengthen relationships between all stakeholders, including governmental entities that provide services to children and families in the Granite School District.

2. Specifically, the District Council shall provide advice and recommendations to the Board on education matters affecting the schools and the District including:
 - a. education programs,
 - b. student achievement,
 - c. school and District budgets,
 - d. boundary changes,
 - e. school closures, and
 - f. school improvement plans.

C. Decisions Reserved to the Board

Human resource functions (such as hiring, corrective discipline, school assignments, surplus status, etc.), decisions about individual students (such as discipline, placement, etc.) are among the subjects reserved for the Board and for school and District administration and will not be addressed in District Council meetings.