

Citywide Parents Council

Citywide Parents Council's mission is to hold the Boston Public School accountable for providing quality education to all students. CPC's main objectives are: 1) empowerment of parents, 2) advocating curriculum improvement, 3) enforcing the mandate for, and strengthening, School Parent Councils in all schools.

Massachusetts Advocacy Center

MAC is a private, non-profit child advocacy organization with a special focus on low-income, racially diverse, limited English speaking, and disabled children. MAC has concentrated on public education, child health and welfare, and children's legal rights, with particular attention to special education and reform of the Boston public schools.

Boston Parent Organizing Network

BPON is a citywide initiative established to organize parents and communities as advocates for the improvement of the Boston Public Schools. BPON's objective is to build a network of organizations creating a central connection to exchange ideas, information, and strategies to empower parents and build partnerships to improve public schools.

Voices for Children

Voices for Children is a collaborative of parents, students, school, church, and community based organizations that come together to facilitate and reinforce implementation of the new teachers contract, to inform the public, and to hold BPS-BTU accountable for agreements in the contract in order to improve the public education of children in Boston.

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Parents are Partners in Improving Schools

SCHOOL PARENT COUNCILS DID YOU KNOW?

School Parent Councils provide a voice for all parents in the school community.

- *All schools must have a School Parent Council*
- *The School Parent Council is the place where parents can express their concerns*
- *School Parent Council co-chairs meet regularly with the principal to discuss parent concerns*
- *The School Parent Council advocates for the school*
- *School Parent Councils elect parent representatives to serve on the School Site Council in Sept-Oct each year*

As a parent of a BPS student:

YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER OF YOUR SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

As a member of your School Parent Council:

YOU CAN ELECT PARENTS TO REPRESENT YOU ON THE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- Find out when your School Parent Council meets
- Find out who your School Site Council representatives are
- Attend and ask questions

All Parents Have a Right to Have their Voices Heard!

SCHOOL SITE COUNCILS

School Site Councils:

- *Are the governing body at each school*
- *Parents, teachers and the principal make up the School Site Council*
- *At the high school level, students are included on the School Site Council*

What does the School Site Council do?

- *Reviews and approves Whole School Improvement Plan including the "All Funds Budget"*
- *Reviews and approves school policy:*
 - ~ *Parent engagement plan*
 - ~ *Safety and discipline plan*
 - ~ *All recommended changes that have a major effect on the school*
- *Principal evaluation*
- *Has responsibility for hiring new teachers through its Personnel Subcommittee*