

Legislative Information - Legislative Action Coalition

Organizational Structure

The LAC operates under the direction of the School Board. We are organized into three main components:

- Steering Committee: Group meets monthly to provide direction and report on the work of the committees. We generally meet from 7:30-9 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month. During the legislative session we might meet more frequently to stay on top of rapidly changing/evolving legislative activities.
- Action Teams: Are focused around a specific function, role or strategy of the LAC. The action teams typically have a lead person who organizes the group and provides updates/coordination with the Steering Committee. The action teams will meet as needed or desired. The action teams are:
 1. Networking Team: To build and maintain ongoing relationships with organizations such as TwinWest Chamber of Commerce, city councils, senior citizen groups, businesses and other organizations.
 2. Local Presence Team: To coordinate events and functions that occur within the district such as discussion forums with legislators or letter-writing campaigns.
 3. St. Paul Presence Team: To maintain a frequent and visible presence of engaged and involved citizens at the state capitol.
 4. Washington Presence Team: To communicate and establish relationships with our national elected officials and to advocate for federal legislation or funding beneficial to our district needs.
 5. Communication and Rapid Response Team: To develop and implement tools and processes for getting the word out on important legislative actions, upcoming events of the LAC or important outcomes of LAC activities. This team is also responsible for communicating the need for rapid calls and/or e-mails due to a pending vote on specific pieces of legislation.
 6. Outreach Team: To engage citizen involvement through presentations and conversations with existing organizations and/or community conversations.
 7. Education Team: To create opportunities and means for members to become more educated/informed about the complex education funding system and its impacts on the Robbinsdale Area School District.
- LAC General Membership: Active and essential to carrying out our mission. General membership involvement includes keeping informed by receiving e-mails, assisting with trips to the Capitol, attending and participating in town hall meetings and forums, writing or calling state and/or federal legislators and the Governor in response to a LAC request for a rapid response, and assisting with various action team activities.
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