

**GOVERNANCE****SCHOOL BOARD EFFECTIVENESS****DIRECT LINKS BETWEEN THE BOARD AND LOCAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCILS**

One of the most effective means of promoting parent and citizen involvement resides in an empowered, fully functioning School Improvement Council at the school level. To enable the Board to receive information, comments, and suggestions directly from local school improvement councils regarding board guidelines for oversight procedures, standards of accountability, and planning for future needs, the following direct links are established between the Board and its local school improvement councils:

- A. Scheduled Annual Meetings. The Board shall meet at least annually with a quorum of members from each local school improvement council. The meeting(s) shall be scheduled at a time and in a manner determined by the Board.
- B. Annual Meeting Agenda. At least 30 days before a local school improvement council's annual meeting with the Board, the Board shall develop and submit to the local school improvement council an agenda for the meeting. The agenda shall identify the items which the council chair or the chair's designee is to address at the meeting. The items shall include, but need not be limited to, items designated by the Board from the report created for the State Board under part F of this policy, as well as one or more of the following issues: school performance, curriculum, status of the school in meeting the school improvement plan, and status of the school in meeting the county plan.
- C. Requests for Information. Throughout the year, the Board may make written requests for information from local school improvement councils or hold community forums to receive input from the affected community as the Board considers necessary.
- D. Additional Meetings. In its discretion, the Board may hold additional meetings with any local school

improvement council. In particular, the Board may schedule additional meetings with the local school improvement council for any low performing school.

- E. Annual Report. At the conclusion of each school year, the Superintendent shall prepare, for adoption by the Board, a report concerning the meeting or meetings held with the local school improvement councils during the school year. In drafting the report, the Superintendent shall consult with the councils and may request their assistance. Upon approval by the Board, and no later than September 1 of each year, the report, including any amendments made by the Board, shall be delivered by the Superintendent to the State Board of Education.
- F. Surveys, town meetings, and other activities will be used, as appropriate, with councils to provide additional linkages.

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**OHIO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**