

# Edina School Board

## Legislative Action Committee (LAC)

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## Goals & Approach

### ➤ Realistic, Action-Oriented & Achievable

- Legislative priorities need to be driven/set by Board/  
admin=tight focus that aligns with district priorities
- LAC members need to be champions of legislative priorities=in  
sync on LAC messaging
- LAC activities should be action-oriented=outcomes

Schedule of activities and meetings set=key to stay on track



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## 3-Year-Plan for LAC (2022-2025)

- **Year 1: Build a Strong Foundation**
- **Year 2: Evolve & Expand**
- **Year 3: Elevate LAC Leadership**



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### YEAR 1 (2022)

- **Goal: Build a Strong Foundation**
  - Develop infrastructure for long-term LAC sustainability & growth
- **Action Plan:**
  - Strengthen legislative relationships between representatives & LAC members
  - Structure core team for collaboration between board & admin for legislative priority setting
  - Rely on partnerships for support (AMSD, MSBA)
  - Build trust, pipeline between Board and LAC
  - Develop strong communication base for outreach and sharing



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## YEAR 1 (2022)

### ○ Outcomes:

- Created LAC core team to lead all work (2 Board Members, Superintendent, Director of Student Services & Special Education)
- 2022 Legislative Priorities | 4 total (developed by both LAC & Admin, Board approved)
- Used AMSD and MSBA as much as possible to build our efforts where we had alignment with legislative priorities
  - AMSD updates on legislative session, outreach ideas played critical role
  - Attended Capitol Day on May 9
    - Supported cross-subsidy press conference
    - Phone bank/email outreach to all state senators
  - Board developed IDEA resolution from MSBA
    - Used as talking point to garner media coverage



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## YEAR 1 (2022)

### ○ Outcomes:

- LAC engaged Board members to join in on action
  - 5 Board members attended Capitol Day on May 9
  - Board members joined direct advocacy outreach efforts
  - LAC became an official Board committee with revised ByLaws, policy changes to reflect
- LAC increased communication, engagement with legislators
  - Pre-Session Meeting with all EPS representatives in attendance
  - Checked-in frequently on bills with key priorities resulting in admin/legislator meetings/discussions
  - Supported legislators in their committee work by attending
- Nuts & Bolts of LAC
  - District communications collaboration with Superintendent
  - LAC email address created ([legislative.action@edinaschools.org](mailto:legislative.action@edinaschools.org))
  - Fresh logo, messaging, LAC webpage, media outreach, etc.
  - Timeline



2022 Legislative Platform January 24, 2022:



## **Year 2 (2023): Evolve & Expand**

- Evaluated key learnings from year 1 to adjust work plan
- Elevated advocacy work within Board goals
- Added .2 district fte dedicated to LAC work, meetings
- Added community members to committee (spring of Year 1)
  - 3 students & 2 community members to join (September, 2022)
- Year 2 action plan to come

## **Year 3 (2024): LAC Leadership**

- Identify and pursue opportunities with legislators and legislative partners for deeper collaboration

# Thank You!

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