

## 1. Why a Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)?

A BAC can help a school district, especially one like MVWSD that serves a diverse community of stakeholders. In times of complex and varied financial needs, this committee brings together different perspectives, ensuring that budget decisions are inclusive and well-informed. By engaging educators, parents, community members, and financial experts, the district can better navigate financial challenges, prioritize spending, and ensure that resources are allocated equitably to support all students effectively.

### How Budget Advisory Committees (BAC) Are Commonly Used

Budget Advisory Committees are typically established by school districts or educational institutions to provide input, feedback, and recommendations on the budget development process. Their primary purpose is to ensure transparency, foster understanding among stakeholders, and promote public participation in financial decision-making.

This committee will advise the Superintendent, Chief Business Officer as well as the Director of Finance on budget priorities, review fiscal documents, and make recommendations to align financial decisions with the district's strategic goals.

The BAC is an advisory body, meaning their recommendations are not binding but are considered valuable for informed decision-making. This group is not subject to regulations from the Brown Act or the Greene Act.

## 2. General Member Makeup of Budget Advisory Committees

The membership of BACs should include a diverse group of stakeholders. (Ranges from 8 - 18 members)

- **District Administrators:** Principals, Directors, Managers.
- **Representatives from employee associations** (e.g., teachers' unions, classified staff unions)
- **Parents and Guardians:** From various school sites with financial leadership experience (minimum one from Middle and Elementary School)
- **Community Members:** Local business owners, community leaders, and interested residents with financial leadership experience
- **Board Members**

Membership is designed to reflect the diversity of the district, including geographic and demographic representation.

# Advertisement for the MVWSD Newly Created Budget Advisory Committee

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## Join the Mountain View Whisman School District Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)!

Are you passionate about education and financial transparency? Do you want to help the district allocate its resources to ensure the biggest benefit for students? The Mountain View Whisman School District is excited to announce the formation of its new Budget Advisory Committee, and we need YOU!

**About the BAC:** The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) is an essential advisory group that collaborates with the district to review, analyze, and make recommendations about the budget to the Superintendent. The goal is to ensure that the district's financial decisions align with the strategic plan and meet the needs of our students, staff, and community.

### Roles & Responsibilities:

- **Review and Analyze:** Examine the district's budget, revenue sources, and expenditures to understand financial trends and projections.
- **Provide Input:** Offer feedback and recommendations on budget priorities, cost-saving measures that minimize the impact on student learning and staff welfare, and revenue enhancement opportunities.
- **Engage:** Serve as a liaison between the district and the broader community, sharing information and gathering input from stakeholders.
- **Collaborate:** Work with other committee members to develop practices that support the district's educational goals.

**Member Makeup (ranges from 8 - 18 members):** We are seeking a diverse group of members to ensure comprehensive representation across our district:

- **District Administrators:** Principals, Directors, Managers.
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### Why Join?

- **Impactful:** Your input will help shape the financial future of our schools.
- **Educational:** Gain a deeper understanding of school finance and budget processes.
- **Collaborative:** Work alongside district leaders and community members to make a difference.

**Commitment:**

- **Meetings:** The BAC will meet quarterly, with additional meetings as needed during the budget season.
- **Outside of meetings:** Members may be asked to review data and documents, or participate in community engagement outside of regular BAC meetings
- **Participation:** We ask that members commit to attending at least 75% of meetings and actively participate in discussions and subcommittees.

**How to Apply:** Interested in joining the BAC? Complete the [online application here](#) by September 13th, 2024. For more information, contact

**Selection:** Ad hoc committee will make recommendation after a review of the applications with names redacted for impartiality and will be presented to the board for final approval. It's possible applicants may be contacted for more information.