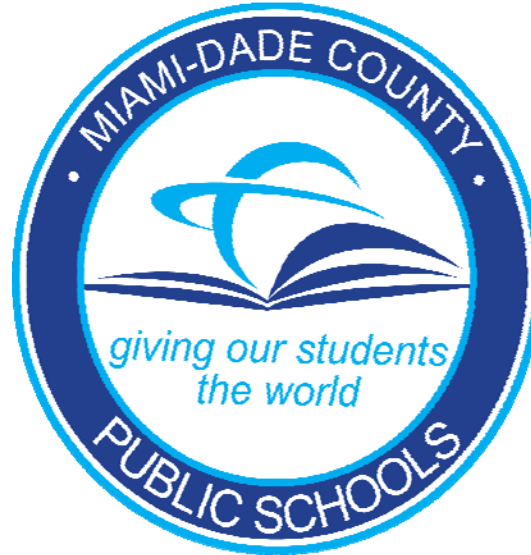


**Citizen Participation Groups
in
Miami-Dade County Public Schools**



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Foreword

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has traditionally enjoyed one of the most extensive networks of community support to be found in any educational district in the nation.

This document, which reflects that support, contains a comprehensive list of the District's support groups, committees, councils, coalitions, task forces, and other organizations that advise the School Board and District staff.

Membership in these groups consists either entirely or partly of lay citizens. Advisory groups, councils, and task forces comprised solely of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' staff members and employee union representatives are not listed.

Special Note

All prospective and current individuals who are not employees of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and who voluntarily serve on any advisory committee for the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, are public officers who must comply with the applicable provisions of Florida's Code of Ethics, Chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes. As a committee member, they agree to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest ethical principles in the course of participating in School Board related activities. They will be required to sign a Certification of Compliance prior to serving on any advisory committee.

Each listing includes the name of the group, its Miami-Dade County Public Schools' bureau or office affiliate, its staff liaison or contact person, a brief statement of its mission, and a summary of the composition of its membership.

Because of the nature of these groups, information regarding each listing is subject to change. Such changes should be reported to Ms. Anne Thompson, Director, Office of Community Engagement, by e-mail to Athompson@dadeschools.net or by fax to 305-995-1200. For additional information or questions, please call Ms. Thompson at 305-995-1233.

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Citizen Participation Groups Defined

A District Advisory Committee:

- Has a mission, defined by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, to advise staff or the Superintendent and, through them, the School Board.
- Has a structured membership that reflects a balance of interests, races, genders, ethnicities, and the viewpoints of professionals, students, and lay persons.
- Exists for an indefinite period of time.

A District Ad Hoc Task Force:

- Has a narrow scope of mission to examine and make recommendations on a specific issue.
- Has a membership that varies, subject to the issue being studied.
- Ceases to exist upon completion of its task.

A District Independent Parent/Citizen Group:

- Has a self-described mission and function that is not limited to advising Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- Has an open membership that does not reflect the typical advisory structure.
- May or may not have an independent funding structure (dues).
- Is associated with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and mutually supportive of its goals and mission.

A District Independent Advisory Panel:

- Provides professional expertise to Miami-Dade County Public Schools' offices on a needs basis.
- Has a limited, professional membership that is not structured to include nonprofessionals, students, or others who typically serve on advisory committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Attendance Boundary Committee (ABC)	District/ School Operations	Mr. George A. Núñez Administrative Director District/School Operations 305-995-7626	Reviews recommendations of proposed attendance boundaries for new schools and changes to the boundaries for existing schools and makes recommendations to the Superintendent and staff; advises the Superintendent on all issues involving attendance boundaries.	Seventeen members, all lay persons: 9 School Board appointments, 1 by each Board Member; 5 appointments by the Superintendent; 1 by the Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Advisory Committee (DEEAC); 1 by the Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities; and 1 by the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs.
Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Interlocal Agreement for Public Schools in Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County	Facilities Planning	Mr. Ivan Rodriguez Director II Planning, Design & Sustainability 305-995-4501 Ms. Vivian Villamil Director I Planning, Design & Sustainability 305-995-7287	Monitors implementation of the interlocal agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County.	Nineteen members, all lay persons: 9 School Board appointments, 1 by each Board Member; 5 appointments by Miami-Dade County Manager; and 5 by the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Executive Board.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
District and School Budget Priorities Parent Advisory Subcommittee	Office of Parental Involvement (OPI) with Office of Budget Management	Ms. Judith Marte Chief Budget Officer 305-995-1226	The District and School Budget Priorities Parent Advisory Subcommittee provides input and advice from parents to the Superintendent in the development of the District's annual budget.	No fewer than ten and no more than 20 members, all self-appointed parents, including at least one representative from each Region and at least one representative from each school level.
District Athletic Advisory Committee	District/School Operations/ Athletics/Activities and Accreditation	Mr. George A. Núñez Administrative Director District/School Operations 305-995-7626 Ms. Karen Cohn Instructional Support Specialist 305-995-7576	Provides advisory information relative to the status of interscholastic sports in the District to ensure that all students will have the opportunity to participate in properly funded interscholastic programs conducted by well qualified coaches in outstanding facilities with quality equipment to enhance their performance in the classroom and help them become contributing members of society.	Maximum 20 voting members. 2 non-voting Board Members appointed by the School Board Chair, and 4 non-voting District staff members. Members may be recommended by current District Athletic Advisory committee members, School Board members, or staff. Recommendations are sent to the School Board Chair who renders the decision as to the appointment.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
District Wellness Advisory Committee	Food and Nutrition	<p>Ms. Penny Parham Administrative Director 786-275-0420</p> <p>Ms. Susan Rothstein Coordinator III Nutritional Wellness 786-275-0438</p>	Improves overall health and wellness of students and staff.	<p>Thirteen voting members: 9 School Board appointments, 1 by each Board Member; 1 appointment by each of the following: The Children's Trust, The Health Council of South Florida, Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs, Health Foundation of South Florida, and a higher education health and wellness professional.</p> <p>7 non-voting members, 1 representing each of the following District offices: School Operations, Curriculum and Instruction, Risk and Fringe Benefits Management, Food and Nutrition, Physical Education, Health Literacy, and School Based Health Services.</p>
Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Advisory Committee	Curriculum and Instruction	<p>Ms. Ronda A. Vangates, Esq. District Director 305-995-2367</p>	Reviews issues on maintaining a multicultural system, including recruitment and diversity of personnel, students, transportation, site selection, and attendance zones.	<p>Eleven members: 9 School Board appointments, 1 by each Board Member; and 2 appointments by the Superintendent.</p>

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Division of Student Services Advisory Committee	Student Services	Ms. Deborah A. Montilla Administrative Director 305-995-7324	Reviews and makes recommendations on the counseling, career, substance education, and student development priorities in the District.	Sixteen members: 9 School Board appointments, 1 by each Board Member; the Student Advisor to the School Board; and 1 appointment from each area: higher education, human services, a CBO, a student services-related professional organization, student services, and Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs.
Early Childhood Advisory Committee	Pre-K/ Elementary Instructional Support	Dr. Marisel Elias Administrative Director 305-995-7689	Reviews and advises the District and Superintendent on early childhood issues.	Sixteen members: 8 appointments by the Superintendent and 8 by the President of UTD.
Educational Excellence Advisory Council Support Committee	School Improvement	Dr. Reginald Johnson Administrative Director 305-995-1556	Makes recommendations regarding the composition and support of Educational Excellence School Advisory Councils (EESACs).	Thirteen members; 6 appointments by the Superintendent, and 7 by the President of United Teachers of Dade.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Educational Excellence School Advisory Councils	School Improvement	Ms. Linda G. Fife Supervisor 305-995-2692	Assists schools in developing the School Improvement Plan, and in implementing decision-making related to school improvement and accountability, including budgetary decisions.	Seventeen members chosen at each school site (21 members when an adult-vocational program shares a facility with a K-12 program): 5 parents and 1 alternate, not employed by M-DCPS, elected by parents in a manner determined by the school; 5 teachers and 1 alternate elected by teachers; 1 student elected by students; 1 education support employee and 1 alternate elected by their peers; 3 business/ community representatives appointed by the principal; the UTD steward; and the principal. A majority must be persons not employed by the district.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Ethics Advisory Committee	Management and Compliance Audits	Mr. José Montes de Oca Chief Auditor 305-995-1436	Helps ensure the integrity of the Board's decision making processes and works to restore public confidence in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.	Seven members, all lay persons, appointed as follows: 1 former federal judge, magistrate, or former court judge; 1 former U.S. or State Attorney or assistant attorney appointed by the chief judge of the 11 th Circuit Court; 1 qualified faculty member appointed, on a rotating basis by the presidents of the universities of Miami, St. Thomas, Barry, and Florida International; 1 qualified faculty member appointed on a rotating basis by the deans of the Schools of Education of the universities of Miami, St. Thomas, and Florida International; 1 parent of a Miami-Dade County Public Schools' student appointed by the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs; 1 member of the business community appointed by the chair of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; and 1 retired public school employee appointed by the director of the Center for Labor Studies at FIU.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
<p>Family & Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)</p>	<p>Parental Involvement (OPI) & The Parent Academy (TPA)</p>	<p>Ms. Anne Thompson Director 305-995-1233</p>	<p>Assesses the progress in implementing School Board Rule 6Gx13-1B-1.012, using outcome-based data, including, but not limited to, the School Climate Survey and the Parent Benchmarks Surveys, making recommendations for improvement.</p>	<p>Twenty-nine members, majority lay persons: 15 parents appointed, 2 by each of the 6 regions; 1 from the Division of Early Childhood Programs, 1 from the EESAC Support Committee, and 1 from the Superintendent's Advisory Panel for Special Education. The other 14 members include the president of Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs; the Parent Leadership Council chair; the Title I District Advisory Committee chair; and the Citizens Coalition for Public Schools chair; and 1 appointed from each: Bilingual Programs, Florida Department of Children and Families, The Early Learning Coalition, Haitian Women of Miami, Informed Families, NAACP, School Choice and Parental Options, Student Services, United Teachers of Dade, We Care of South Florida.</p>

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee	M/WBE Related Services	Dr. Rose Barefield-Cox Administrative Director 305-995-2881	Advises the School Board on set-aside programs, including the development, implementation, and evaluation of the Business Development and Assistance Program.	Twenty members, all lay persons: 9 School Board appointments, 1 by each Board Member; the remainder appointments by M/WBE Services.
Parent Leadership Council	Parental Involvement (OPI) & The Parent Academy (TPA)	Ms. Anne Thompson Director 305-995-1233	Assists in disseminating and providing advice on the District's ELL Plan.	Membership consists of parents of ESOL students who have volunteered to serve.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
School Health Medical Advisory Committee	Comprehensive Health Services	Ms. Wilma Steiner Director 305-995-1238	Develops a school health plan to monitor, review, and evaluate school health services and to develop new school health protocols, as well as services. The committee makes recommendations to the School Board, Superintendent, and city officials on issues related to school health. The School Health Medical Advisory Committee is mandated by Florida Statute and meets quarterly at the Miami-Dade County Medical Association building.	Thirty-three members: 6 appointments from the Miami-Dade County Health Department; 10 appointments from Miami-Dade County Public School departments; 7 appointments from voluntary or consumer groups; 1 appointment from the Children's Trust; and 9 appointments of physicians/medical professionals.
School Site Planning and Construction Committee	Facilities Planning	Ms. Ana Rijo-Conde Planning Officer 305-995-7285	Makes recommendations on site acquisition, reviews the 5-, 10-, and 20-year capital plans and holds planning forums under the auspices of internal agreements.	Ten members: 1 School Board member appointed by the Chair; 1 architect or engineer appointed by the School Board; 1 appointment from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; the president of Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/ PTAs or designee; the chairs of the Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Committee and the Attendance Boundary Committee or designees; 1 real estate appraiser; 2 real estate experts; and 1 registered surveyor.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Student Government Association	Curriculum and Instruction	Mr. Robert Brazofsky Instructional Supervisor 305-995-1599	Advises the student representative to the School Board.	Members are the Student Adviser to the School Board and the presidents of high school student government associations elected by each high school's student body.
Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities	Special Education (SPED)	Mr. Will Gordillo District Director 305-995-2027	Advises the Superintendent on issues related to students with disabilities.	Twenty-five members: 10 parents who submit a letter of interest to serve to the Committee Chair, are recommended by the Panel and approved by the Superintendent; 10 appointments by the Superintendent from community agencies; and 5 M-DCPS staff appointments made by the District Director of the Office of Special Education in collaboration with the Committee membership.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Superintendent's Service-Learning Advisory Committee	Curriculum and Instruction and Community Engagement	<p>Ms. Lisa Thurber District Director 305-995-1265</p> <p>Mr. John Doyle Administrative Director 305-995-1982</p>	Provides guidance and support for infusing service learning as a teaching and learning strategy in the District in order to increase quality service learning opportunities for students.	No specified number of members. The committee is comprised of administrators, teachers, students, and representatives from higher education, business, and community-based organizations who are identified by District staff as service-learning practitioners.
Title I District Advisory Council (DAC)	Title I Administration	Dr. Sharrie R. Dean District Director 305-995-1713	Advises and consults with administration in planning and implementing the District's overall Title I program, based on input from advisory council members.	Approximately 25 members, including parents and staff from Title I schools, and 2 district advisors from Title I Administration.
Title I Regional Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)	Title I Administration	Dr. Sharrie R. Dean District Director 305-995-1713	Informs and involves parents in the planning, reviewing, and improvement of the Title I program implemented at the Regional level.	Two members and 1 alternate from each Title I school; all are lay citizens.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Treasury Advisory Committee	Treasury Management	<p>Ms. Silvia Rojas Treasurer 305-995-1684</p>	<p>Acts in an independent, expert, advisory role for the purpose of improving the financial performance of the District's treasury management activities.</p>	<p>Seven voting members: 6 appointments by the School Board, including 2 related to Educational Compact with Miami-Dade County; and 1 School Board member appointed by School Board Chair. 4 non-voting staff members appointed by the Superintendent.</p>
WLRN Community Advisory Board	Public Relations	<p>Mr. John Schuster Chief Communications Officer 305-995-4638</p> <p>Mr. John LaBonia General Manager WLRN 305-995-2259</p>	<p>Advises WLRN-TV and WLRN-FM staff of program selection and production.</p>	<p>Twenty-one members: 2 School Board Members appointed by the Chair; 2 persons appointed from the Board of Friends of WLRN, Inc.; and 17 community members apply to serve, and are selected by a nomination committee.</p>

AD HOC TASK FORCES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
AFSCME Employee of the Year	Community Engagement	Ms. Patricia Lee Staff Specialist 305-995-7317	Reviews nominations and selects AFSCME Employee of the Year.	Eleven members: 1 Principal or Assistant Principal appointed by the Superintendent; 1 administrator representing each of the five areas: Transportation, Food Services, Maintenance, Plant Operations Custodial and General Services; AFSCME President; and four AFSCME Vice Presidents.
Assistant Principal of the Year (APOY)	District/School Operations	Mr. Pierre Rutledge Director 305-995-2292	Reviews nominations and selects Assistant Principal of the Year.	Eleven members: Reigning AP of the Year or the runner-up; 2 administrators appointed by DASA; 2 District staff appointed by the Superintendent; 3 community representatives, 1 each from: Miami-Dade County PTA/PTSA, FCIAC and the United Way; 1 ad hoc representative from District/School Operations; 1 representative from ETO and 1 representative from Adult/Alternative Education

AD HOC TASK FORCES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
District Ad Hoc Contest Task Force	Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation	<p>Mr. George A. Núñez Administrative Director District/School Operations 305-995-7626</p> <p>Ms. Karen Cohn Instructional Support Specialist 305-995-7576</p>	To review all requests for contests and develop a list of approved contests to be conducted in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.	Membership comprised of 1 non-voting School Board member, appointed by the Chair; representatives from each school level (elementary through senior), the region level; the District level; and United Teachers of Dade.
Field Trip Ad Hoc Task Force	Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation	<p>Mr. George A. Núñez Administrative Director District/School Operations 305-995-7626</p> <p>Ms. Karen Cohn Instructional Support Specialist 305-995-7576</p>	To develop a list of recommended out-of-county and out-of-state field trips for submission to the Board for action.	Membership comprised of representatives from PTA/PTSA, the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee, United Teachers of Dade (UTD), principals, students region and district administration.

AD HOC TASK FORCES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Office Employee of the Year (OEOY)	Non-Instructional Personnel Staffing	<p>Treska Rodgers Director 305-995-7235</p> <p>Stacy Rolle Manager III 305-995-7242</p>	Reviews nominations and selects Office Employee of the Year.	Fourteen members: 7 appointed by M-DCPS; 7 appointed by UTD, 1 of which is the reigning Office Employee of the Year.
Paraprofessional/School Support Employee of the Year (PARA)	Non-Instructional Personnel Staffing	<p>Treska Rodgers Director 305-995-7235</p> <p>Stacy Rolle Manager III 305-995-7242</p>	Reviews nominations and selects Paraprofessional/ School Support Employee of the Year.	Ten members: 5 appointed by M-DCPS; 5 appointed by UTD, 1 of which is the reigning Paraprofessional/School Support Employee of the Year. The Task Force may be expanded up to thirteen members by adding two teachers and/or one community representative (i.e., PTA/PTSA, Chamber of Commerce, etc.).

AD HOC TASK FORCES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Principal of the Year (POY)	Community Engagement	Mr. Jeff Ronci Director 305-995-2651	Reviews nominations and selects Principal of the Year.	Eleven members: Reigning Principal of the Year or the runner-up; 3 appointments by the president of UTD; 2 District staff appointed by the Superintendent; 2 appointments by DASA; and 1 appointment from each: Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA, the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee, and the event sponsor. 1 non-voting staff liaison from Office of Community Engagement.
School Calendar Ad-Hoc Committee	District/School Operations/ Athletics/Activities and Accreditation	Mr. George A. Núñez Administrative Director District/School Operations 305-995-7626 Ms. Karen Cohn Instructional Support Specialist 305-995-7576	Reviews and develops annually all school calendars, i.e., Elementary and Secondary, Adult/Vocational Education and Juvenile Justice for submission and approval by the School Board.	Membership comprised of representatives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and United Teachers of Dade (UTD).

AD HOC TASK FORCES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
The Parent Academy Curriculum	Parental Involvement (OPI) & The Parent Academy (TPA)	Ms. Anne Thompson Director 305-995-1233	Reviews and makes recommendations to align The Parent Academy (TPA) curriculum with K-12 curriculum and the needs of parents/community.	Membership comprised of school-site and district administrators, teachers, and parents.
Teacher and Rookie of the Year (TOY)	Human Resources and Community Engagement	Mr. Jorge Rubio Executive Director 305-995-7247 Ms. Arlene Martinez Director 305-995-2594	Reviews nominations and selects Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year.	Membership includes district and school-site administrators, United Teachers of Dade (UTD) representatives, parents, and business representatives.

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANELS

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Audit Committee	Management and Compliance Audits	Mr. Jose Montes de Oca Chief Auditor 305-995-1436	Obtains and reviews financial and other information about the school system; ensures that the District has adequate internal controls; reviews and recommends audit reports for submission to the School Board.	Ten members, all lay persons: 1 appointment by each School Board Member; 1 by the Superintendent. 1 non-voting School Board Member appointed by the Chair; and 2 non-voting administrators.
Booster Clubs (Support athletic team, bands, and choral groups, etc. in schools)	District/School Operations/ Athletics/ Activities/ and Accreditation	Mr. George A. Núñez Administrative Director District/School Operations 305-995-7526 Ms. Karen Cohn Instructional Support Specialist 305-995-7576	A Booster Club is a “school-allied organization” formed for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the school and/or its students. It is comprised mainly of parents/guardians and/or other interested adult community members who join an organization to enhance and support a school program, activity, or athletic team through fundraising activities and services.	Mainly lay citizens, many of whom are parents of participants in the activities or sports, along with students, teachers, and school site administrators.
HIV/AIDS	Student Services	Ms. Deborah A. Montilla District Director 305-995-7324	Reviews all materials and resources dealing with HIV/AIDS education for implementation at school sites.	Twenty-six members, including medical or professional health care, staff, and citizens.

INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANELS

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Miami-Dade Coalition for Community Education	Community Education and Before/After School Programs	<p>Mr. Victor Ferrante Executive Director 305-817-0014</p> <p>Mr. Jason Abreu Coalition Secretary 305-854-0515 x2115</p>	Encourages and supports the expansion of community education through programs and initiatives that address the diverse academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of our local population.	Board of Trustees consisting of active and retired District and school administrators, members of Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs, PTA advocates, and interested community members.
Miami-Dade National College Fair	Student Services	Ms. Deborah A. Montilla Administrative Director 305-995-7324	Coordinates planning and implementation of a National College Fair.	Twenty-six members: 1 School Board member appointed by the Chair, 1 district administrator, and 24 members representing local universities and colleges, private schools, community groups, and M-DCPS.
PTAs/PTSAs	Parental Involvement (OPI) & The Parent Academy (TPA)	Ms. Anne Thompson Director 305-995-1233	Promotes the welfare of students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools through specific projects.	Membership size and makeup varies; includes parents, teachers, school-site administrators, students, and interested community members.

INDEPENDENT PARENT/CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Citizens' Coalition for Public Schools	Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement	Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya Assistant Superintendent 305-995-1497	Assists in the annual legislative effort to obtain adequate funding.	Approximately 31 persons mostly lay citizens, representing various organizations.
Friends of WLRN, Inc.	Media Programs	Mr. John LaBonia General Manager WLRN 305-995-2259	Develops public and broader awareness and seeks funding for WLRN-TV and WLRN-FM.	About 18,000 members, mostly lay citizens.
Magnet Educational Choice Association, Inc. (MECA)	School Choice/School Operations	Dr. Helen S. Blanch Assistant Superintendent 305-995-1206	Supports academic achievement and career readiness by promoting business/education partnerships, establishing and sponsoring special projects, and coordinating fundraising activities that enhance the magnet experience.	Approximately 25 members, including a four-member executive board of community business interests representing the various magnet themes.

INDEPENDENT PARENT/CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
The Education Fund	Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement	<p>Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya Assistant Superintendent 305-995-1497</p> <p>Ms. Linda Lecht President The Education Fund 305-892-5099 x13</p>	Provides mini-grants to teachers and principals; maintains a warehouse of donated educational materials and supplies for teachers; implements other initiatives to bring private sector support to public education.	Twenty-one members, selected by its own governing board.
The Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc.	Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement	<p>Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya Assistant Superintendent 305-995-1497</p>	Provides formal support for the Superintendent's educational initiatives.	The Chair of the School Board of M-DCPS, the Superintendent, the president of Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs, the National and Miami-Dade/Broward Program Directors for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (or their designees).
Title I Parent Advisory Councils (School Levels)	Title I Administration	<p>Dr. Sharrie R. Dean District Director 305-995-1713</p>	Offers advice on implementing Title I projects at individual schools.	Membership includes parents of Title I students, community involvement specialists, and administrators. School level (254 schools; many linked with the school's PTA/PTSA or EESAC).

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Name	Bureau/Office	Contact	Mission	Membership
Career and Technical Education (CTE)	Career and Technical Education	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Rose Martin District Director 305-693-3030</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Tom Cummings Instructional Supervisor 305-693-3018</p>	Offers pro-bono professional recommendations and expertise on occupational training needs, employment forecasts, occupational forecasts, equipment, and other industry specific recommendations.	Committees average 5 members, all lay citizens.

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES
District/School Representatives**

Committee	Liaison	Contact Information
Agriscience & Public Service Education	Diana Collingwood	305-693-3020
Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing	Robert Armand	305-253-9920
Automotive Technology	Beverly Carter Remy	305-324-6070
Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) (RMEC)	Tracy Hoppe	305-253-9920
Aviation (GTB)	Sean Gallagan	305-871-3043
Avionics	Sean Gallagan	305-871-3043
Building Construction Carpentry/Electricity Masonry/Plumbing/Tile Setting	David Schleiden	305-995-1874
Business, Marketing & Diversified Education	Henri Cepero	305-693-3021
Business Technology Education	Robert Quinn	786-275-0400
Commercial Arts Drafting/Printing	Ralph Bryan	305-693-3025
Commercial Vehicle Driving (MLEC)	Juan Gonzalez	305-557-1100
Computer Repair Electronics	Ralph Bryan	305-693-3025
Cosmetology/Barbering	Wendy Jenkins	305-624-1171
Culinary Arts	Esteban Sardon	305-324-6070
Dry Cleaning (Northwestern)	Ralph Bryan	305-693-3025
Family & Consumer Sciences	Gloria Humes	305-693-3023
Health Science Education	Ronda Mims	305-693-3024
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems (HVAC)	Paul Boren	305-247-7839
Heavy Equipment/Diesel	David Schleiden	305-995-1874
Honda PACT – (RMEC)	David Schleiden	305-995-1874
Major Appliance Repair	David Schleiden	305-995-1874
Technical Education	Tom Cummings	305-693-3018
Television Production	Ralph Bryan	305-693-3025
Toyota T-TEN (MLEC)	Juan Gonzalez	305-557-1100
Welding	Scott Neufeld	305-253-9920

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