Policy BCF School Improvement Councils

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Advisory committees may be created for limited purposes or to provide continuing consultation in a particular area of education. The central purpose of all advisory committees is to contribute to the educational program by conducting studies, identifying problems, and developing recommendations that will enhance the effectiveness of the board's decision-making process. The ultimate authority to make decisions will continue to reside with the board.

Advisory committees that are required under federal and state law will be formed and will function in accordance with such laws.

The composition of an advisory committee will be broadly representative and take into consideration the specific tasks assigned to the committee.

Advisory committees will not be permitted to continue for prolonged periods without a defining assignment. Each advisory committee will be instructed as to the length of time each member will serve, the service the committee will provide, the resources the board will provide, the approximate dates reports will be submitted, and the approximate date the committee will be dissolved. An advisory committee is only granted authority to carry out the established function of the committee.

The board will have the sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and will reserve the right to exercise this power at any time during the term of any advisory committee. The board may seek the advice of the superintendent before establishing or dissolving any advisory committee.

This policy is not intended to limit the ability of the superintendent or his/her designee to appoint district-level or school-level advisory committees to advise on administrative functions.

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Legal References:

S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

Section 30-4-10, *et seq.* - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Section 59-20-60 - Establishes school improvement councils.

Attorney General's Opinion:

Op. S.C. Att'y Gen., 2019 WL 4235546 (August 26, 2019) Committees constitute public bodies for purposes of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Georgetown County Board Of Education