Welcome
We're glad you're here
Parents Wanted: A State School Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council

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Who are we?
Learning Targets

Participants will formulate a keen sense of what it takes to create and lead state/district Parent Advisory Councils based on process information shared during this session.

Participants will compare and contrast lessons learned in other states through the exchange of stories, tips, and ideas.
Georgia’s Systems of Continuous Improvement

Offering a holistic education to each and every child in our state.
State Superintendent Richard Woods
2019-2020 Parent Advisory Council
Established in 2009 as **Advisors for the State School Superintendent**

- **36** Total Number of Parents Representing School Districts Across Georgia
- **30** Nominated Parents Serving Staggered Two-Year Terms
- **6** Georgia Parent Leadership Award Winners Serving a One-Year Honorary Term
- **6** State Organization Representatives

For more information, visit the PAC webpage at [http://partnerships.gadoe.org](http://partnerships.gadoe.org)
# Parent Advisory Council

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<td>• To focus on improving student academic achievement by strengthening parent and family engagement in Title I schools</td>
<td>• Provide input and feedback on Georgia’s family engagement initiatives.</td>
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<td>• Represent the school district as well as be the voice for all Georgia parents of eligible Title I children.</td>
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Sample PAC Roles and Projects

Assisted with the endorsement of the Parent Engagement Resolution by the Georgia Board of Education on November 10, 2010

Spoke at state Family Engagement Conferences during the General Session and breakout sessions and agreed to be a co-presenter for a national conference (workshop proposal results pending)
Sample PAC Roles and Projects (Cont.)

Participated in a hybrid version of ParentCamp during a 2017 PAC meeting and the 2018 Georgia Family Engagement Conference

Served as Site Visitors during Family-Friendly Partnership School surprise visits

Provided input into the state’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan and an annual parent survey
Sample PAC Roles and Projects (Cont.)

Produced Get Involved video series with Georgia Public Broadcasting

Featured in videos on What Parents Want Schools to Know Videos (2016)

Shared tips in the Be the Hero video series (2018)

Provided feedback to other offices across the agency—Accountability, Communications, Curriculum and Instruction
Words from a former Parent Advisory Committee member
Featured Gallery Walk Video
Hybrid edcamp
EdCamp Summary

- Free and open to educators and families
- Non-commercial/no vendors
- Anyone can speak and be actively involved
- Discussion based, NOT stand and deliver
- Not an opportunity to “sell” the speaker’s views
- Reliant on the “Rule of Two Feet”
Hybrid EdCamp Norms

• If all chairs are taken at the table, please choose a different table with empty chairs.
• If your table has too many participants, please divide the group in half. The new group will move to an empty table. A participant will need to become a table facilitator.
• Any participant can use the “Rule of Two Feet”
Hybrid edcamp

2-15 minute rotations
## EdCamp Topics: “Building Parent Leadership Capacity”

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Wrap-Up: EdCamp

• Fast-paced opportunity for sharing to the whole group
• Was it an online tool? Tip? Book recommendation?
• **Less than one minute**
Thanks & Have a Great Week