#### **Advocating for the needs of English Learners**

# The English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)









## WHAT IS ELAC?

English

Learner

**A**dvisory

Committee

A place that parents can use

as a platform to express

concerns and ideas to both the

school and the district, to

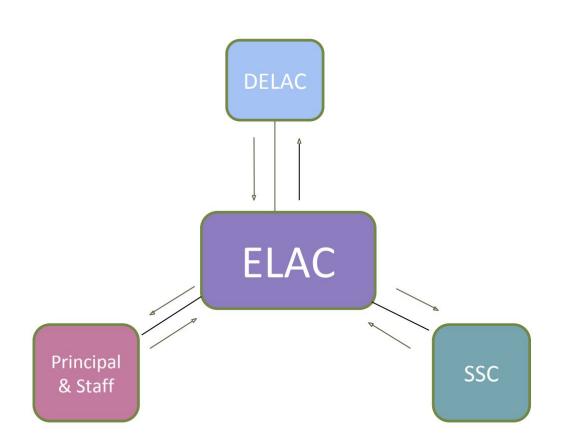
inform the decisions of the

School Site Council (SSC).

## What is the purpose of ELAC?

- To advise the principal and staff in the development of a school plan for English Learners and submit the plan to the School Site Council (SSC) for consideration.
- Assist in the development of the school-wide needs assessment
- Develop parent awareness of the importance of regular school attendance
- Elect at least one member to the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

## How will ELAC provide advice?



## What are some examples of training and information I will receive during ELAC meetings?

- Parent rights
- Programs and services available for English Learners
- Programs and services available to assist my child in learning English
- How Title I and Title III budgets provide services to English learner students
- Support from community liaisons
- Providing information and recommending changes to the School Site Council for the school site plan

#### **CORE COMMITTEE**

At Magnolia, we elect a CORE COMMITTEE in lieu of ELAC officers. We find this better suits our school site and allows for more flexibility.

Our bylaws reflect this option.

We do need a DELAC representative or two.

### **ELAC Core Committee**

- All ELAC Core Committee members **must be** parents of:
  - EL students or
  - RFEP students
- ELAC members cannot be employed by the District
- A member shall hold only one (1) officer position at a time.
- Officers cannot serve at two schools during the same school year.

## **DELAC** Representative

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- The DELAC advises on matters pertinent to EL/RFEP Programs.
- They are the liaison between District and school site
- They report to the district information from the site and vice versa
- Members and officers serve for the duration of the school year.