

# McAVINNUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

DECEMBER 5, 2023

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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# WORKING AGENDA



- Introductions
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Characteristics Of A School Site Council
- General Updates
- Meeting Dates



# ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



- Co-Chair – Principal & Member
- Time Manager – Member
- Secretary – Member
- Your Suggestions



# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL



- A school council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the principal, parents, teachers, community members and, at the secondary level, students, required to be established by each school pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 59C.
- Membership on the school council can also include additional school staff such as custodians, lunchroom staff, and others who are not education professionals.



# COMPOSITION OF THE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL



- School Site Councils are composed in the following manner:
  1. Equal number of parent membership and educational membership.
  2. Must include membership of “non-school” members such as community partners.
  3. Representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the school and community.
  4. Membership needs to be elected by like membership groups without influence.



# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL



- School councils are to assist principals in four major areas of responsibility:
  1. Adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and statewide student performance standards.
  2. Identifying the educational needs of students attending the school.
  3. Reviewing the annual school building budget.
  4. Formulating a school improvement plan.



# PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES



- The law explicitly gives the school Principal responsibility for defining the composition and overseeing the formation of the council pursuant to a representative process. However, the principal may not exert any influence over the nomination and election process.
- The Principal is also responsible for convening the first meeting of the council. At this meeting, the other co-chair is to be selected.
- The spirit of the law calls for collaboration between the council and the Principal. The Principal needs to create an environment of openness, collegiality and respect for all participants.
- The principal is responsible for accountability of the site council process such as member election/appointment, and adherence to the school site council requirements.



## MASSACHUSETTS "OPEN MEETING LAW"



- These sections of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law require School Site Councils to:
  1. Hold all meetings in public and allow anyone in attendance to audio and/or video-tape the proceedings as long as it is not disruptive to the meeting.
  2. Post a notice of each meeting at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
  3. Keep minutes indicating the date, time, place, members present and absent, and actions taken.
  4. Adhere to a quorum, which is to be defined as a majority of the council members.
  5. Under the Public Records Law, documents made or received by a state or local government agency (including a School Site Council) are "public records."





# GENERAL UPDATES



- 2023-2024 School Year Overview
- Accountability Data
- Attendance Update
- Staffing Update
- Building Security Update



# GENERAL UPDATES



## 2023 Official Accountability Report - Joseph McAvinnue

### Organization Information

<b>DISTRICT NAME</b> Lowell (01600000)	<b>TITLE   STATUS</b> Title I School
<b>SCHOOL</b> Joseph McAvinnue (01600010)	<b>GRADES SERVED</b> PK,K,01,02,03,04
<b>REGION</b> Coastal	<b>FEDERAL DESIGNATION</b> -

### Accountability Information

<b>Overall classification</b> Not requiring assistance or intervention
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### Reason for classification

Moderate progress toward targets
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Progress toward improvement targets	Accountability percentile
49% - Moderate progress toward targets	22

### OVERALL RESULTS

### STUDENT GROUP RESULTS

### DETAILED DATA FOR EACH INDICATOR

### Overall progress toward improvement targets

	2023
Criterion-referenced target percentage	49%
Progress towards targets	Moderate progress toward targets



# GENERAL UPDATES



- **School Attendance**
  - **95% Attendance Rate (Tied For 4th In District)**
  - **12.9% Chronic Attendance Rate (3rd In District)**



# MEETING DATES



Let's map out the meeting dates for the remainder of the school year:

- Meet Weekly Until Budget Is Completed
- Other Options (Based Upon Need)