



Policy: 3.27

SUBJECT: **RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY WIDE-
PARENT/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**

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The Detroit Board of Education has commenced with a plan that again will enable the formal, district-wide participation of parents with the Detroit Public Schools.

This plan will include specific, consistent procedures for parents to address their concerns within the operations of the District's new organizational structure.

Of particular importance, the plan will provide for the re-establishment of a citywide organization of parent representatives. This re-establishment of a Citywide parent organization will enable parents, staff and other local community stakeholders to engage in the working relationships and communications that are critical to student success. When the Board of Education accepted the recommendation of the New Detroit Review panel to dismantle our Area Offices, this included the affiliate Area School Community Organizations and eventually the Citywide School Community Organization.

Since 1997, when this recommendation was acted upon, a number of organizational changes have gone into place that substantially flattened the district's administrative structure. The K-12 Constellations have been established with Constellation Alliances enabling parental participation. Each school is being trained to undertake shared decision-making with Site-based Management Councils that include parent representatives. What is missing from the new structure, however, is a citywide mechanism for parents to come together for the common cause of sharing in the education of their children.

By re-establishing a new Citywide Parental Organization, a serious void, which came about as a result of the recommendation from New Detroit, will be addressed. It is the intent of the Detroit Board of Education to substantially strengthen the opportunity for parental voice, representation and involvement on the part of our local community.

Attachments to Policy 3.27: None

See also: None

Legal References: 20 USC § 6316

Labor Contract References: None