

City of San José, California

COUNCIL POLICY

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PURPOSE

To establish a Council policy regarding the ongoing commitment to collaboration between the City and the local school districts enabling both systems to best serve San José residents, children, and their families.

POLICY

It is the policy of the City of San José that formal relationships between the City and the local school districts serving San José residents are established to ensure positive communication and address areas of common interest. A formal body comprised of school district superintendents, City of San José elected officials, and City of San José Department heads will convene as a Schools and City Collaborative (S/CC) on a regularly scheduled basis and operate under the following guiding principles:

1. Focus on the long term benefits of families and students of the City of San José;
2. Operate in a cooperative manner which leverages the strengths of both the City and the school districts;
3. Work in a pro-active manner with open and honest dialogue;
4. Focus on 3-6 mutually identified priorities, with established measurable outcomes;
5. Be understanding of each systems challenges and constraints;
6. Be committed to results and be innovative in its solutions; and
7. Utilize our collective strengths to have a strong advocacy voice

BACKGROUND

The City and its partner school districts are both driven to support a high quality of life for children and their families. With goals mutually intertwined it behooves both the municipal and educational systems to work together and support the educational, developmental, and economic growth of our community. In 1997, a broad coalition of leaders created a framework to help formalize an ongoing working relationship between the City and its local school districts and established the Schools and City Collaborative (S/CC).

The mission of the S/CC is “to develop sustaining partnerships to maximize resources to serve our children, families, and the community”.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. A coordinating board herein identified as the Schools/City Collaborative, will be established to oversee the implementation of the identified goals and objectives of the S/CC.
 - i) This board will consist of:
 - i) The superintendents of all School Districts serving San José Residents;
 - ii) The Mayor of the City of San José;
 - iii) Other City of San José elected officials as appointed by the Mayor;
 - iv) A representative from the City Manager's Office; and
 - v) The Directors of City Departments as identified by the City Manager's Office
 - (1) This should include at a minimum, but not limited to:
 - (a) Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services;
 - (b) Housing;
 - (c) Transportation;
 - (d) Planning;
 - (e) Police; and
 - (f) Library.
- B. The S/CC will be co-chaired by the Mayor and an annually selected school Superintendent.
 - i) The Superintendent Co-Chair will be selected for the upcoming Fiscal Year by general consensus of the S/CC members present at the last meeting of previous Fiscal Year.
- C. The S/CC will meet, at a minimum, four times per year.
- D. On an annual basis the S/CC will establish and or update a written and measurable work plan that is based on its top 3-5 mutually identified priority areas.
 - i) The S/CC may establish a working structure consisting of sub-committees or other appropriate organizational composition to implement its work plan.
- E. The S/CC will report its progress through an identified City Council committee at a minimum of once per year as managed through the City Manager's Office.
- F. The Department staff will work with the City Manager's office and other key City staff to implement this policy in a manner that does not conflict with existing Municipal Code provisions or existing City policy.