

September 25, 2025 Board of Education meeting SCHOOLS OF TOMORROW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Context: The Board of Education approved the establishment of the Schools of Tomorrow Advisory Committee in accordance with Board Policy 1220 at the September 11, 2025 regular session meeting.

Committee Composition

The membership of the committee shall consist of:

- two (2) Board of Education members;
- the President or their designee from the San José Teachers Association;
- the President or their designee from California School Employees Association, Chapter 4;
- the President or their designee from American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 101;
- two (2) elementary employee representatives from the San José Teachers Association (SJTA);
- one (1) elementary employee representative from either California School Employees Association, Chapter 4 or American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 101;
- three (3) elementary school principals;
- one (1) staff member; and
- five (5) parents or guardians, of which:
 - o at least three (3) are from schools with an enrollment of less than 400 students;
 - o at least one (1) has a student in a Special Day Class (SDC) program;
 - o at least one (1) has a student who is an English Learner (EL);
 - o at least one (1) is from each geographic region of the District as defined by 2024-2025 middle school attendance boundaries:
 - north (Herbert Hoover Middle and Muwekma Ohlone Middle);
 - central (John Muir Middle and Willow Glen Middle); and
 - south (Bret Harte Middle and Castellero Middle).

Committee Member Selection Criteria

Ideal committee members will demonstrate:

- An understanding of the committee's charge and scope.
- A commitment to fulfilling the committee's charge.
- Dedication to creating the best possible learning environments for all students.
- Consideration of the impact of school design and programs on San José Unified students, families, staff, and community members.
- The ability to engage in focused, rational, fact-based, and nuanced dialogue, even with people with whom they disagree.

Using the composition requirements and selection criteria, the committee shall be constructed to:

- Reflect the diverse experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives that exist among the San José Unified School District's community.
- Provide perspective on the impact of current enrollment on the instructional program.
- Offer experience-based insight and expertise relevant to the charge of the committee to the greatest extent possible.

Appointment of Members

The Schools of Tomorrow Advisory Committee application was sent to all employees and families on September 12, 2025. Consistent with the Board-of-Education-approved membership composition and appointment process, the Superintendent has appointed the following members to the Schools of Tomorrow Advisory Committee.

Name	Membership Category
José Magaña	Member, Board of Education
Carla Collins	Member, Board of Education
Renata Sanchez	President, San José Teachers Association
Sharon Calhoun	President, California School Employees Association, Chapter 4
Sammy Coppola	President, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 101
Sabrina Koshiyama	teacher, Almaden Elementary elementary employee representative, San José Teachers Association
Ancilla Trew	teacher, Canoas Garden Elementary elementary employee representative, San José Teachers Association
Kari Barton	office manager, Empire Gardens Elementary elementary employee representative from either California School Employees Association, Chapter 4 or American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 101
Matthew Wheeler	principal, Rachel Carson Elementary elementary school principal
Samantha Araiza	principal, Anne Darling Elementary elementary school principal
Tom Rousseau	principal, Los Alamitos Elementary elementary school principal
Taylor Swenson	parent/guardian, Gardner Elementary student
Patrick Bernhardt	parent/guardian, Reed Elementary student
Yessica Esparza Lopez	parent/guardian, Horace Mann Elementary student
Harish Ramakrishnan	parent/guardian, Simonds Elementary student
Lenia Melendrez	parent/guardian, Merrit Trace Elementary student
Jodi Lax	Associate Superintendent, Instruction staff member

Meeting Dates

The committee shall meet on the following days at 6pm at 855 Lenzen Avenue, San José, CA 95126:

- October 7, 2025
- October 14, 2025
- October 21, 2025
- October 28, 2025
- November 4, 2025
- November 12, 2025

In accordance with the [Brown Act](#), meetings shall be open the public. All agendas, minutes, and supporting documents will be posted on the San José Unified website.

