

# Parents for Public Schools



## School Governance for Parents: Module 3 *Advisory Committees*

*Helping parents and educators  
become partners in improving  
student achievement*



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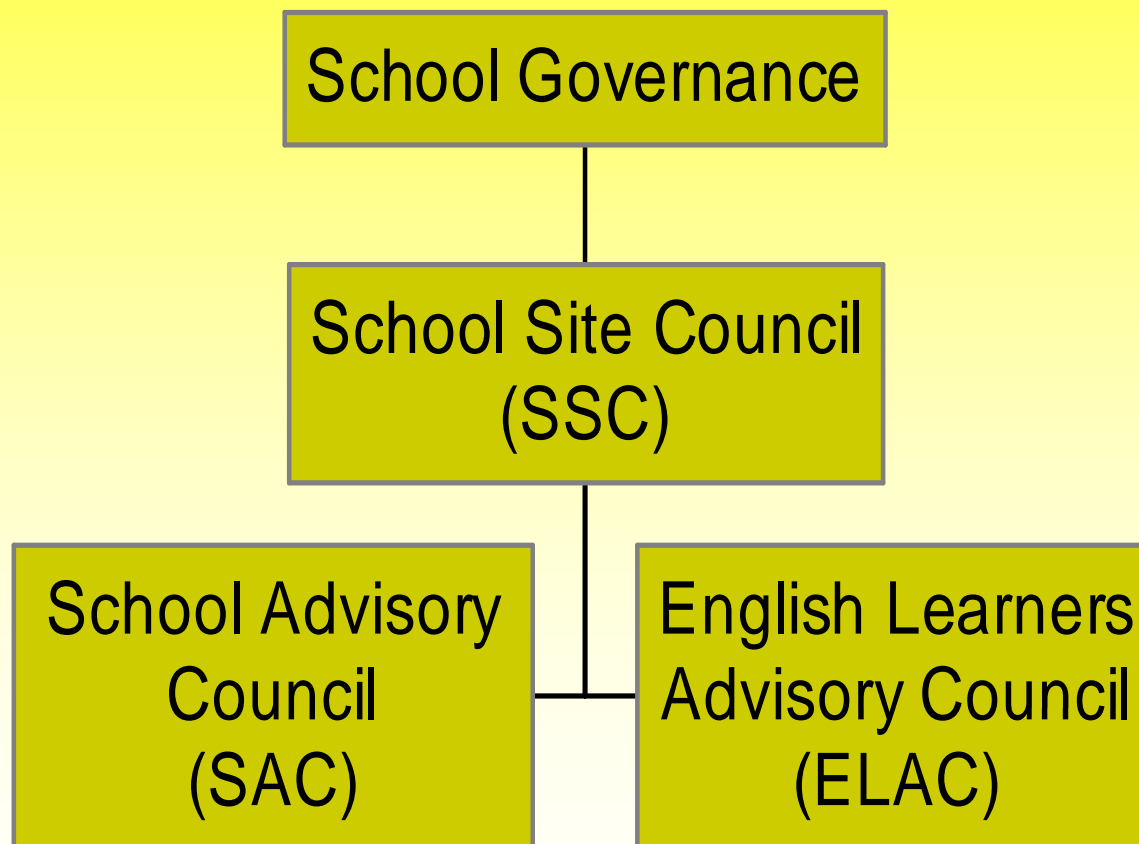
- Changing perceptions of public schools
- Helping parents enroll in public schools
- Developing and supporting parent leaders
- Advocating for quality public school education.

# This Module Covers



- **Types of School Committees**
- **Advisory Committees**
  - ELAC Made Easy
  - SAC Made Simple
- **Giving Voice to Parents**
- **Working Together to Develop the Balanced Scorecard/Single Plan for Student Achievement**

# Types of School Committees





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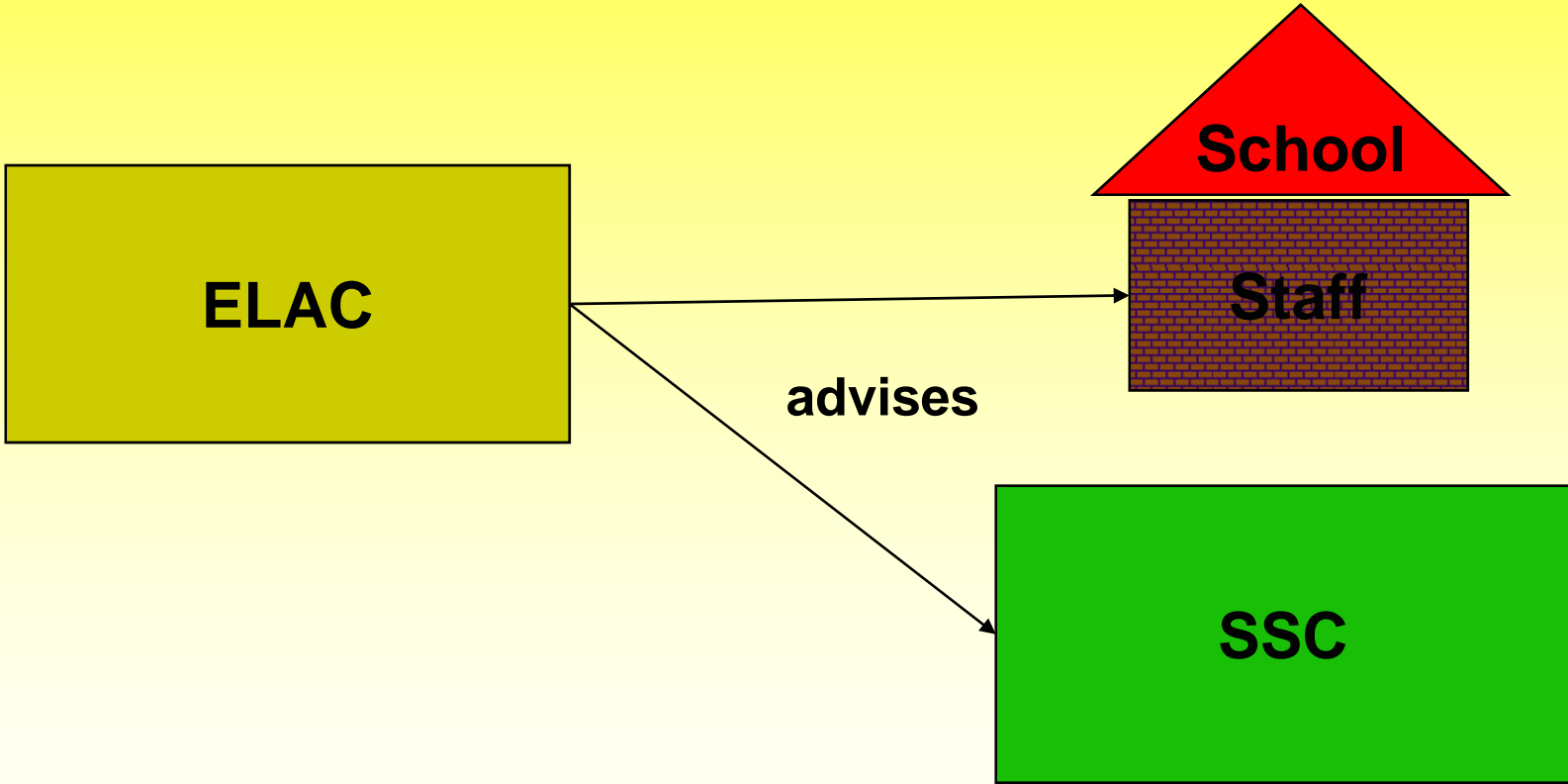


# What Is ELAC?



- English Learner Advisory Committee
- A committee of parents and educators to support English Language Learners (ELLs).
- Schools with 21 or more ELLs *must* have an ELAC.
- You do not have to speak English to be on ELAC.

# The Role of ELAC



# ELAC Do's & Don'ts



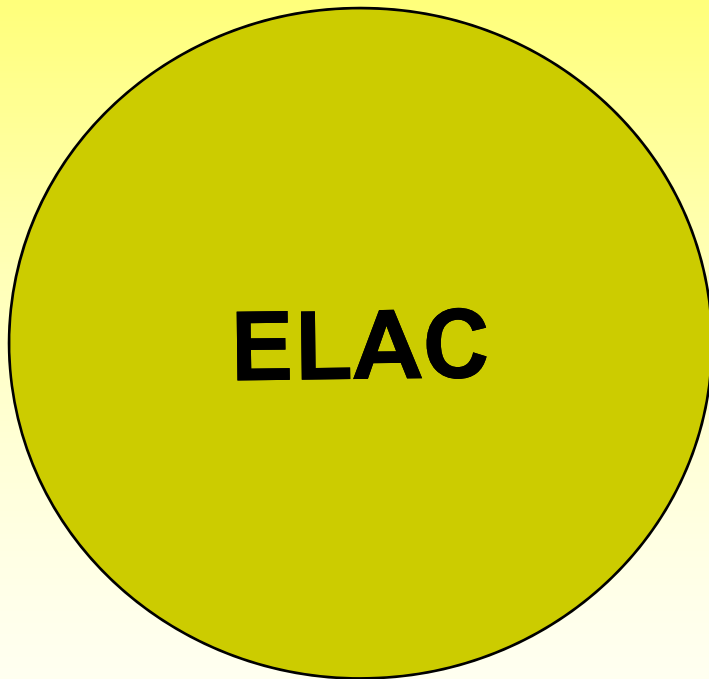
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- Pursue personal agendas.

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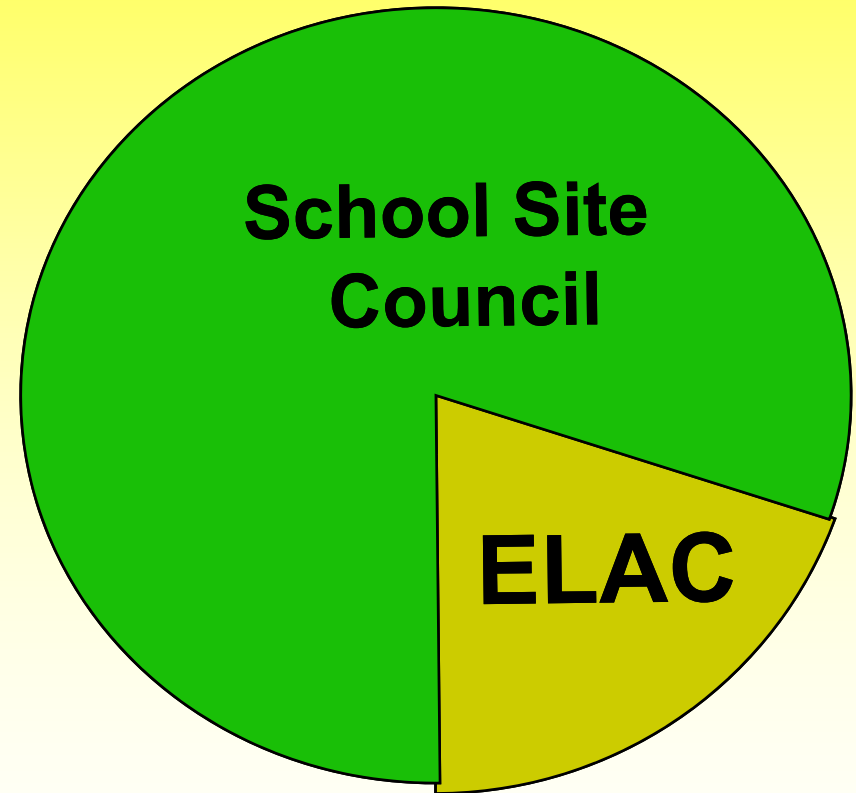
- Advise on development of services for English learners in BSC/SPSA
- Assist with student attendance other relevant student issues
- Participate in English learner data collection & analysis (eg CELDT)
- Have representation on District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

# ELAC Can Be



An independent committee

- OR -



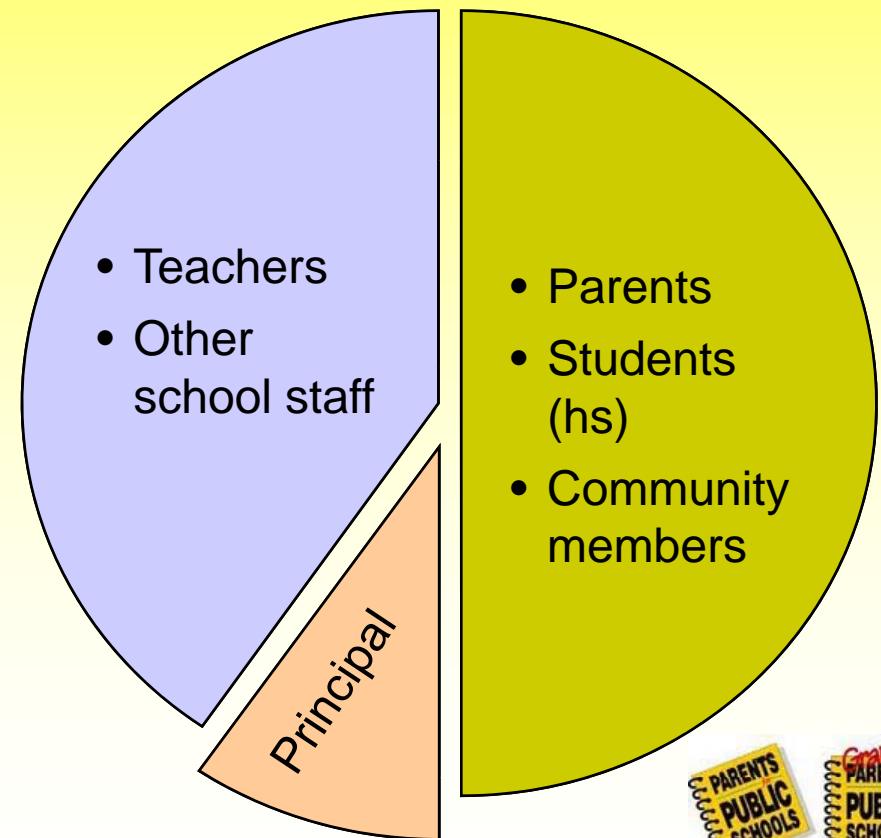
A subcommittee of SSC



# Essential Criteria of ELAC



- Elections (usually held in October) for a two year term
- Peers elect peers
- At least one member of ELAC serves as a representative to the District – ELAC (DELAC)





# SAC SIMPLE Made

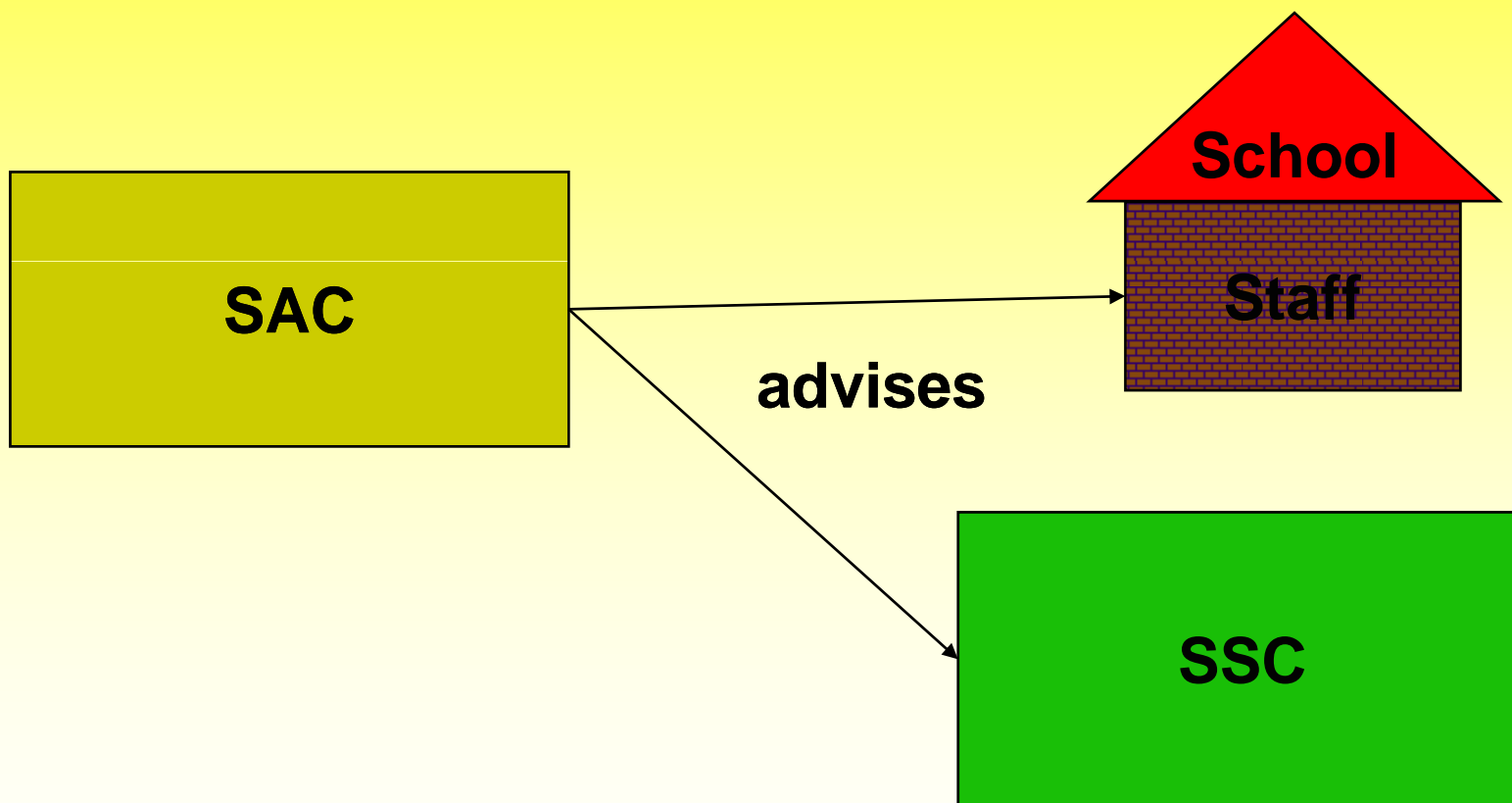


# What Is SAC?



- **S**chool **A**dvisory **C**ommittee
  - Required if school is receiving EIA-SCE funds (Economic Impact Aid–State Compensatory Education)
- A committee of parents & educators to support low performing students who are in federally funded programs. for compensatory education programs to improve academic achievement.

# The Role of SAC



# SAC Do's and Don'ts



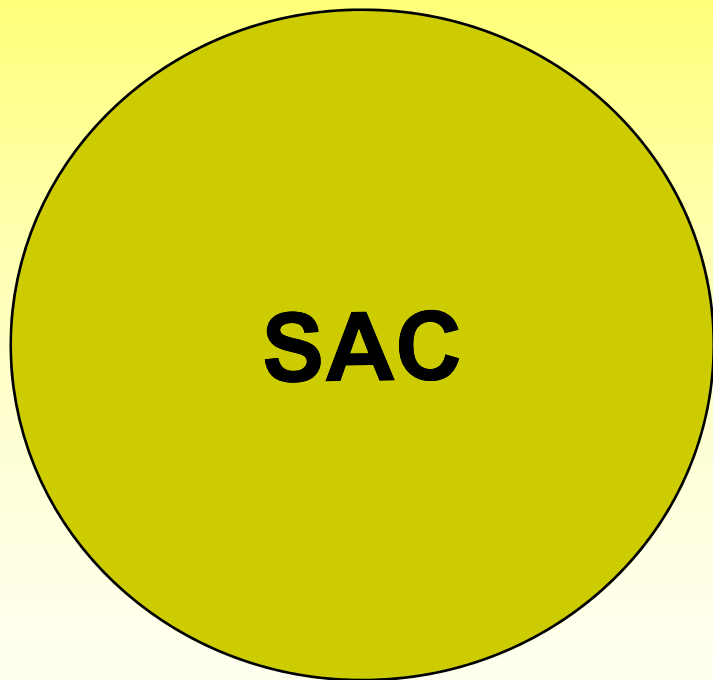
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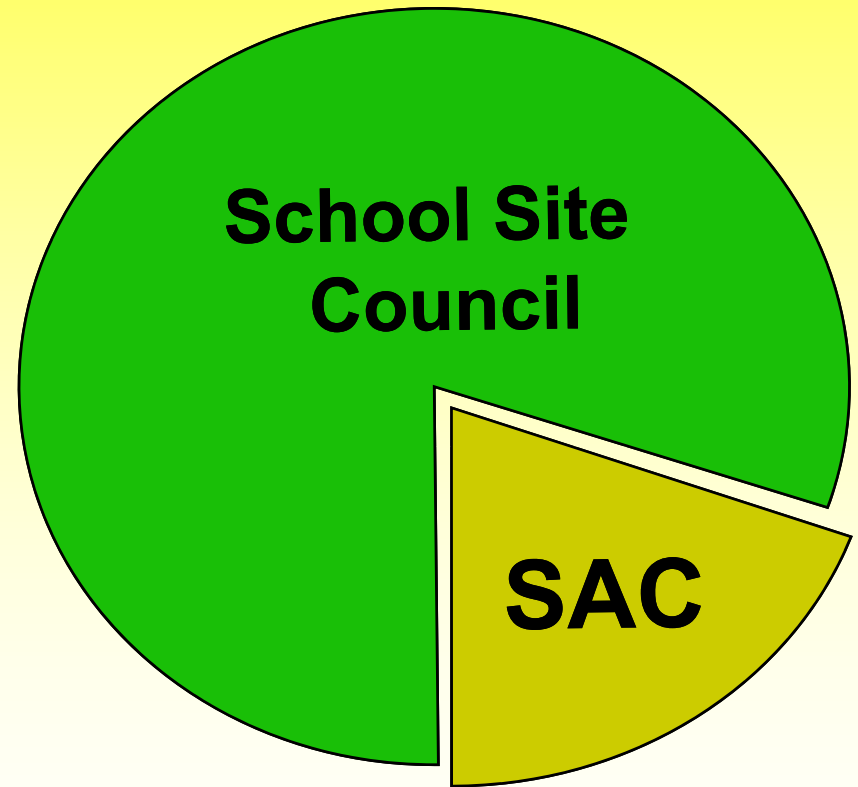
## DO:

- Advises principal on design of compensatory education program
- Reviews the eligibility criteria for student selection.
- Reviews and approves implementation of a Schoolwide Project (SWP)
- Consult the SSC on compensatory education component in BSC/SPSA
- Have representation on District Advisory Committee (DAC)

# SAC Can Be



- OR -



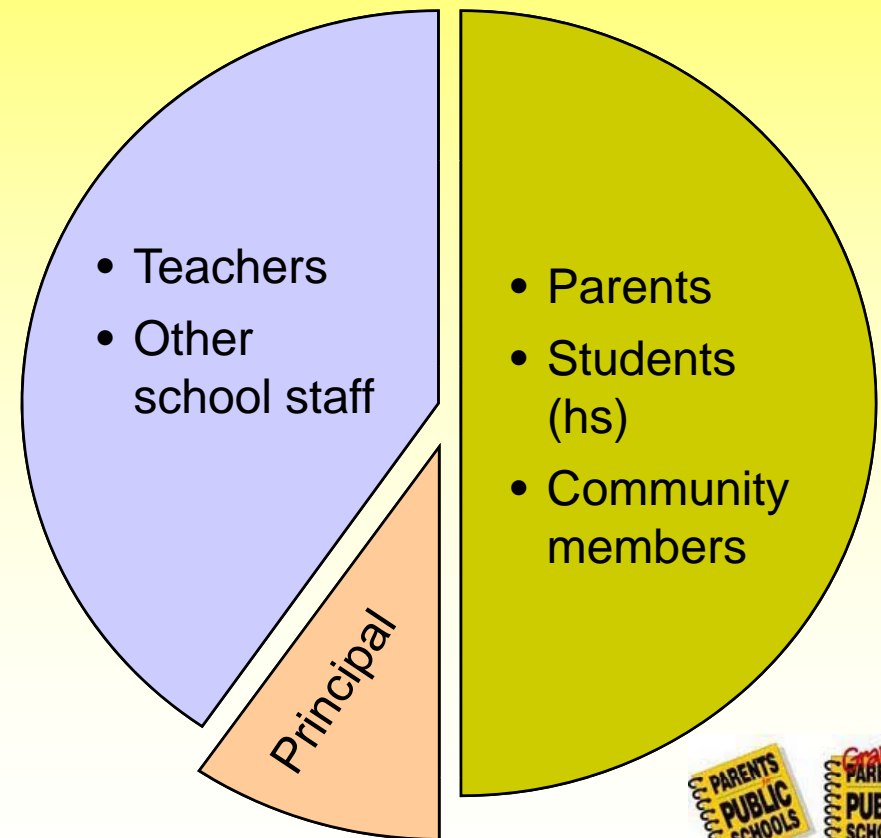
An independent committee

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# Essential Criteria of SAC



- Elections are usually held in October for two years.
- Parents of students identified for compensatory education elect parent members of SAC.
- At least one member of SAC serves as a representative to District Advisory Committee (DAC).



# Advisory Committee Participation



# Effective Advisory Committee



Is an organized committee, which:

- Meets on a regular basis
- Communicates with the principal, staff, SSC, and school community
- Develops by-laws, agendas, and minutes
- Collects ideas and gives recommendations to school principal, staff, and site council

# Participation in Advisory Committees



## Challenges:

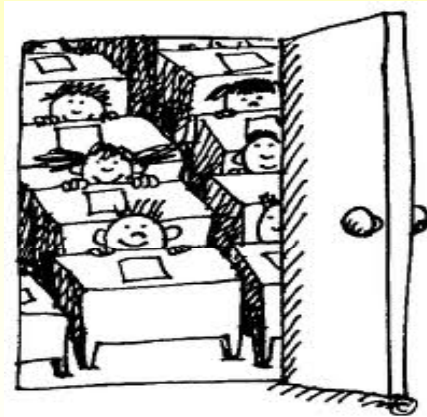
ELAC?

SAC?

Accessibility



Difference



Awareness



# Participation in Advisory Committees



## Solutions:

Increase Awareness



Strengthen Communication



Broaden Participation



# Shared Voice



- The Principal, teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members all share responsibility for your school's Balanced Scorecard/Single Plan for Student Achievement.
- ELAC and SAC can ensure that:
  - ELL students and low performing students have a **champion** in school site decision-making, and that
  - Their parents have a **voice** and a vote in school site decision-making.



# Developing the Balanced Scorecard



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# Developing the Balanced Scorecard



## What is the Balanced Scorecard/Single Plan for Student Achievement (BSC/SPSA)?

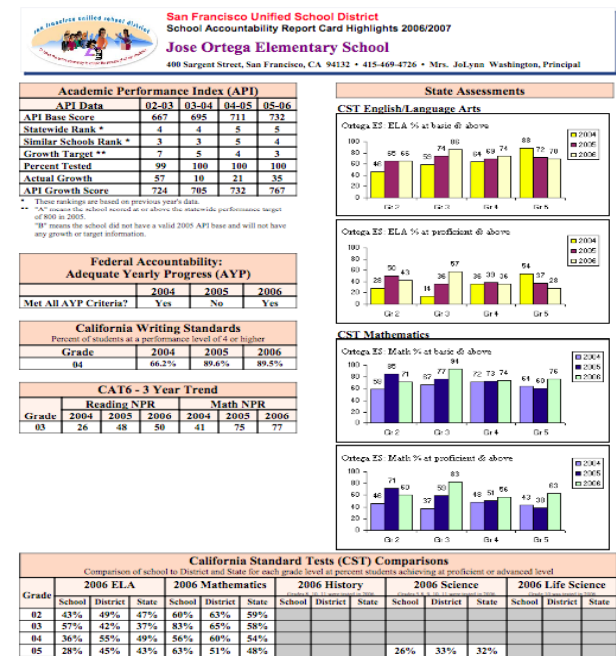
- School plan to improve student achievement through:
  - Activities
  - Expectations
  - Measures
  - Budgets



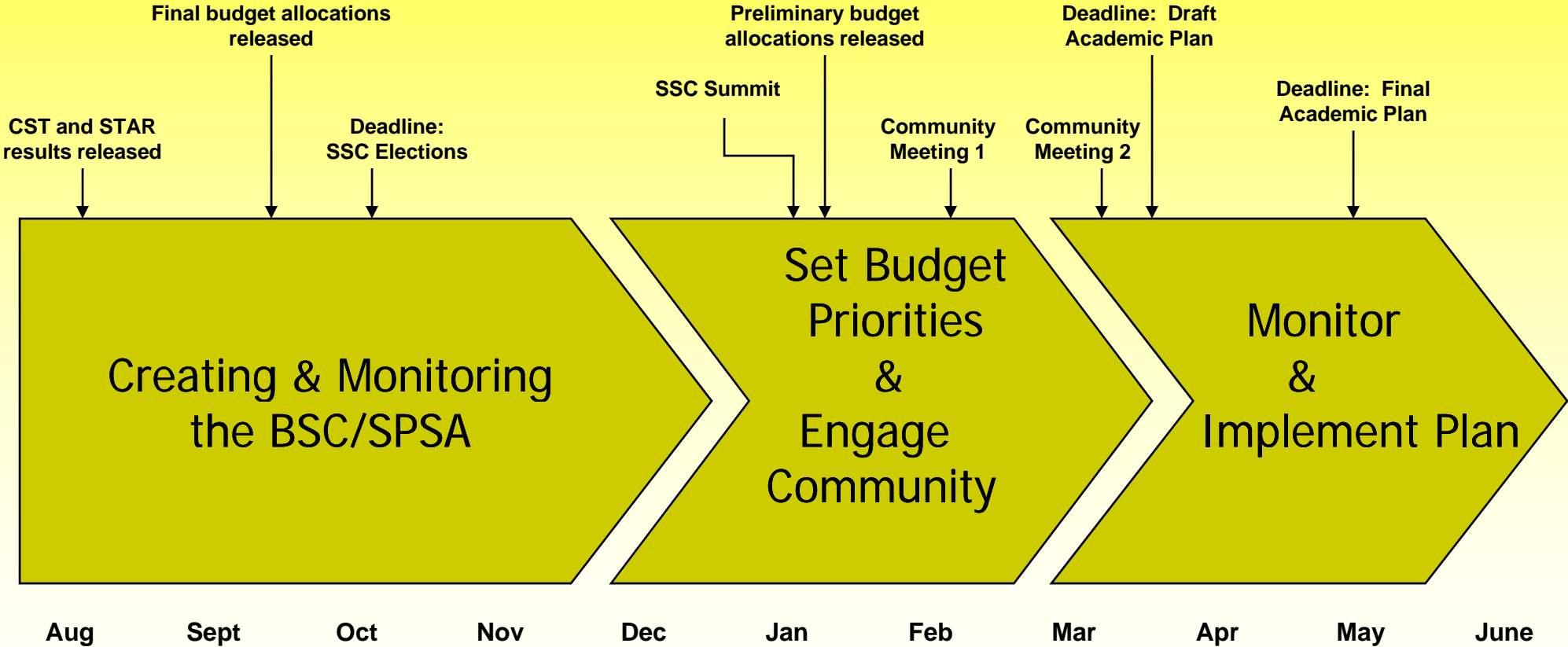
# Developing the Balanced Scorecard



- Review academic performance, with particular emphasis on low performing and ELL students.
- Become familiar with SARC [See full size handout]
- Advise principal and SSC on programs that best support the learning of low-performing and ELL students



# SSC Timeline



## ELAC

- English Learner Advisory Council

- Anyone can run

- Advise SSC and school staff on services for ELL English Language Learners (ELL) students



## SAC

- School Advisory Committee

- Anyone can run

- Advise SSC about programs for low performing students

# Questions?



# Thank You



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