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Felicia,

Good afternoon. Allie and I met last week to discuss all of these topics. We are moving the meeting to September 1, which Dr. Anderson and Dr. Miller supported. Laura Shafer is currently out of the office, so we have not been able to send the invitation. I am confident she will do so upon her return.

Allie and I spent some time thinking through how DAC can engage its participants in a thoughtful and supportive way throughout the course of the year, but starting at the October meeting. I am sure Allie can provide the overview, and I can add some details when we first come together and really get into the planning for the October meeting.

Thanks,
Neil

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On Mon, Jul 27, 2026 at 2:38 PM Felicia Yang Gorman <fygorman@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi all,
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> Neil - I'm looking forward to meeting you soon. Summer travel has taken me out of town for most of this month!
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> Have we landed on a date for the SAC/DAC/Principal training? I still have an August 25 hold on my calendar.
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> Since August 25 is also the date of the District's presentation to the Board on school consolidations and closures, I'd strongly encourage us to consider moving the training to September or even October to give things a chance to settle. I also strongly prefer that we wait to hold our first DAC meeting until October.
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> This year feels fundamentally different from a typical year. The consolidation / closure decisions will significantly change the landscape for both SACs and the DAC, and I think we'll need some time to determine what the DAC's role should be before we train school leaders and parent representatives. We'll have fewer schools (and DAC members), a very different policy agenda (and few, if any, policies requiring DAC review before January), and, based on the Board President's feedback, a much smaller role in the budget process this fall. Rather than training everyone as though it's business as usual, I think we'd be better served by first developing a shared vision for how the DAC and SACs can add value in this new environment.
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> The timing also feels challenging from a human perspective. Many schools will have brand-new principals, several serving in interim roles, while others may be processing the news that their schools are closing or that their positions are changing or being eliminated. It seems like a particularly difficult moment to ask principals to focus on governance training.
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> My thought would be to use the time after the Board presentation to work through what this year's DAC priorities and expectations should be, then hold a training that reflects that direction. I think it would ultimately be much more useful for everyone involved.
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> Curious what you all think.

Best,
Felicia

On Thu, 23 Jul 2026 at 09:57, Neil Anderson <neil.anderson@bvsd.org> wrote:
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> Allie,
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> Good morning. I have reviewed the agenda, and what you have is what I am also interested in discussing. I added one comment so I wouldn't lose my thought and to emphasize its importance.
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> See you (and whomever else can make it) later today.
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> Cheers,
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> On Thu, Jul 23, 2026 at 9:39 AM Alexandra (Allie) Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> Neil,
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>> Looking forward to seeing you later today!
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>> Here is a draft agenda/working space for our planning meeting: AGENDA | 2026-27 DAC/SAC/Principal Training Planning
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>> I'm also copying our other wonderful DAC Exec team members. A couple of these folks may be able to join us, but for those who cannot I'll follow up with this group to share notes/next steps.
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>> Thanks!
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>> -Allie