



# SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS

## **Superintendent's Councils:**

### **Business Advisory Council**

The Business Advisory Council is comprised of about 30 representatives of the business community, including business owners and representatives of business organizations. The group meets with the superintendent quarterly to discuss the state of the school district, school finance, economic conditions, workforce development, capital projects and other issues of mutual interest to the business leaders and educators.

### **Faith-Based Advisory Council**

The Faith-Based Advisory Council includes clergy and other representatives from a variety of churches, synagogues and other faith-based organizations in the Sarasota area. The purpose of the group is not to impart religious or spiritual values to district activities, but to provide the district access to established lines of communication to and from the community through faith-based groups and leaders.

The FBAC meets with the superintendent quarterly to discuss district activities and plans that might impact members of the represented congregations.

### **Elementary Teacher of the Year Advisory Council**

Every district elementary school chooses a Teacher of the Year each fall. The teachers of the year meet with the superintendent quarterly to present her with a report on activities and successes at their respective schools. They also bring to her attention any ideas, suggestions, questions or concerns that have been expressed by other teachers at their schools.

The superintendent provides the teachers with responses to their questions and reports to them about the current state of the district as it relates to the instructional staff.

### **Secondary Teacher of the Year Advisory Council**

District middle schools and high schools also select a Teacher of the Year each fall. Like the elementary teachers, they meet quarterly with the superintendent to share information with her and to receive her guidance on instruction and other professional issues.

### **Superintendent's Student Council**

This Council is made up of two student representatives from each of the district's six largest high schools. To qualify to represent their schools, students must have completed the 60-hour Students Taking Active Roles (STAR) program. Conducted by the Community Youth Development program, STAR prepares students to participate on a variety of government and non-profit boards and commissions throughout Sarasota County. The students meet with the superintendent quarterly to receive a briefing on district issues and to offer her information and advice on district activities as experienced by students.

The Superintendent's Student Council also plans and conducts an annual day-long forum at which district administrators and instructional leaders respond to student inquiries about district issues and programs.