

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Manny Cruz

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to school site councils and the district parent advisory council.

PETITION OF:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3944 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to school site councils and the district parent advisory council.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 59C the
2 following section:-

3 Section 59C½. (a)(1) A parent advisory council on special education established in
4 section 3 of chapter 71B, an English learner parent advisory council established in section 6A of
5 chapter 71A and a district parent advisory council established in said section 6A of said chapter
6 71A shall serve as advisory councils to the school committee. Each parent advisory council shall
7 provide a biannual presentation of their work pursuant to said enabling sections in the school
8 district to the school committee.

9 (2) The school committee shall be responsible to ensure funding for training of school
10 council members established in section 59C of chapter 71 including, but not limited to, relevant
11 local governance, leadership training and Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.

12 training offered by the school district. The superintendent shall provide a manual written by
13 employees of the school district on school council governance for the training of school council
14 members.

15 (b) The school council shall assess the needs of each school by reviewing the federal
16 annual state report card under 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h) at the earliest possible date after publication.

17 (c) The school council shall provide complete progress reports on current goals at the
18 middle and end of school year in time to be available for school budget development and for
19 future school year planning.

20 (d) The school council shall complete an annual evaluation and rating of the school
21 council's performance as a group. The evaluation will be distributed in April to the principal and
22 school council chairperson and completed by June 1. A copy of said evaluation shall be provided
23 to the school committee.

24 (e) The department shall establish rules and regulations that are necessary to implement
25 this section.