

Welcome to Vestal's Family Engagement Night!



Vestal High School, Room 181
November 2, 2022
7 - 8:30 p.m.

Reminders:

- If you are attending in person, please sign in.
- Childcare is available next door in room 183.
- If you are attending on Zoom, please sign in using your first and last name so that we know who attended.

Agenda



1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Presentation: “The Importance of Feedback Loops”
3. Breakout Rooms
 - Session #1 (7:30-7:50)
 - Session #2 (7:55-8:15)
4. Full Group Sharing (8:10-8:30)



Goals for Today

- Review the district's current student and family engagement efforts. Make suggestions for improvement.
- Identify barriers to greater participation by students and parents with particular attention to those who have not typically been involved.

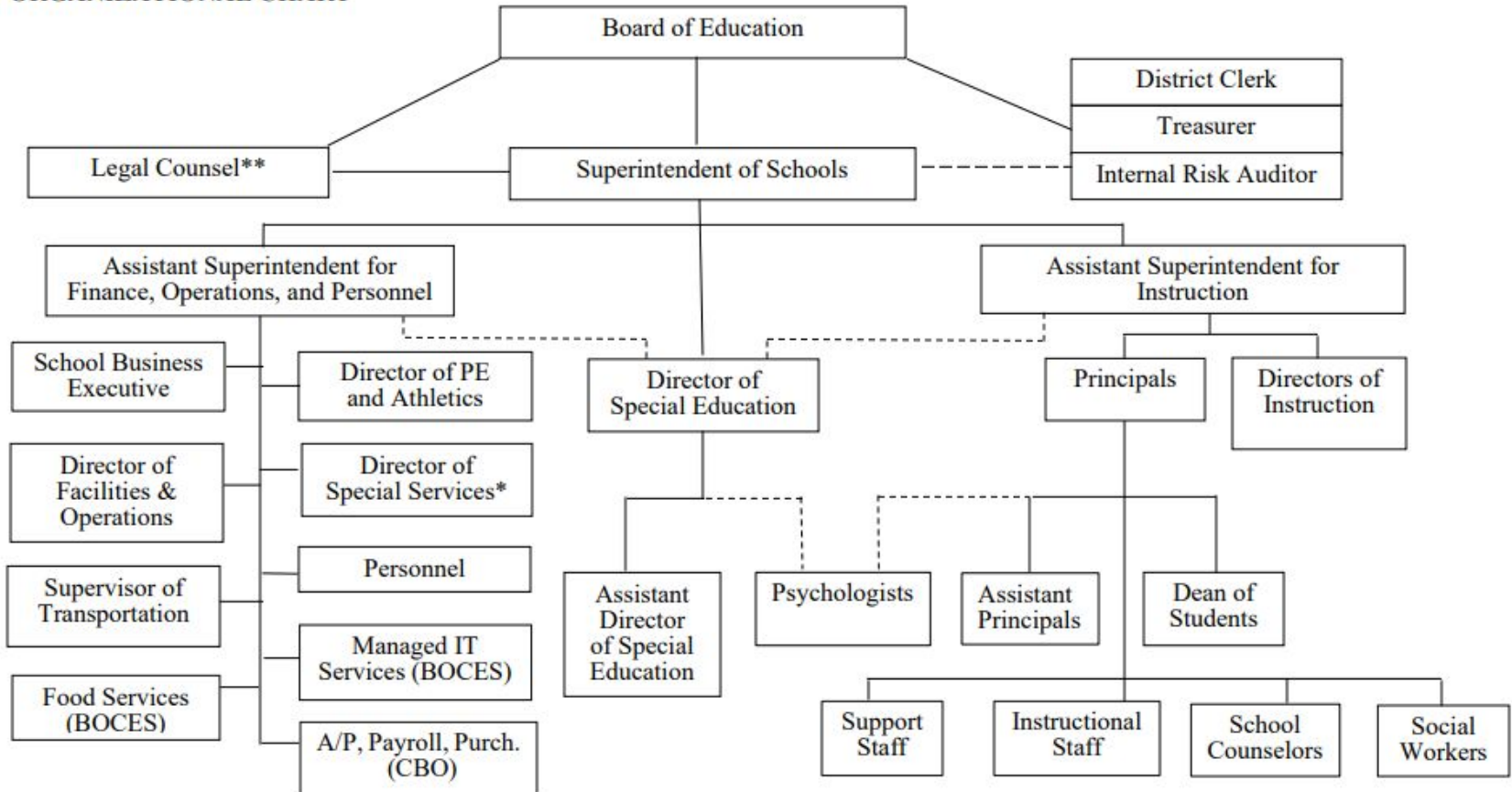


The Importance of Feedback Loops

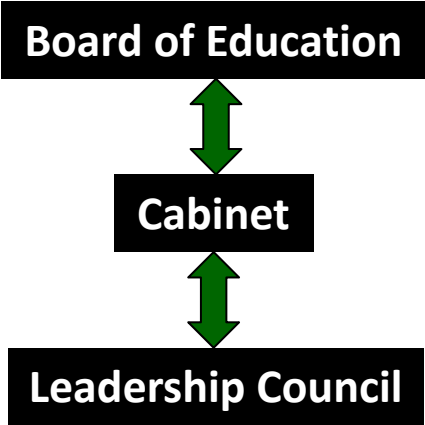
Patrick Clarke
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

One View of Our District

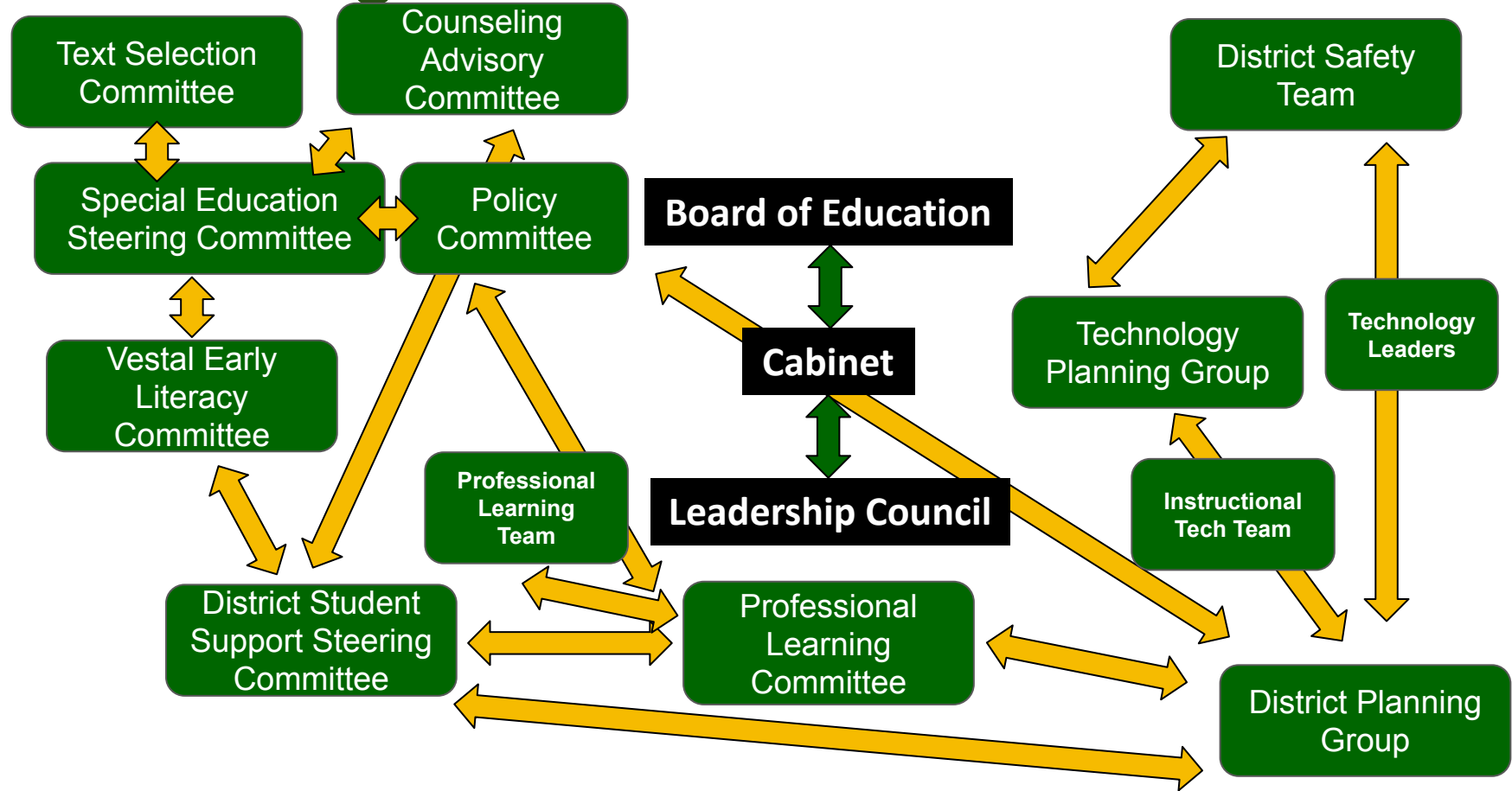
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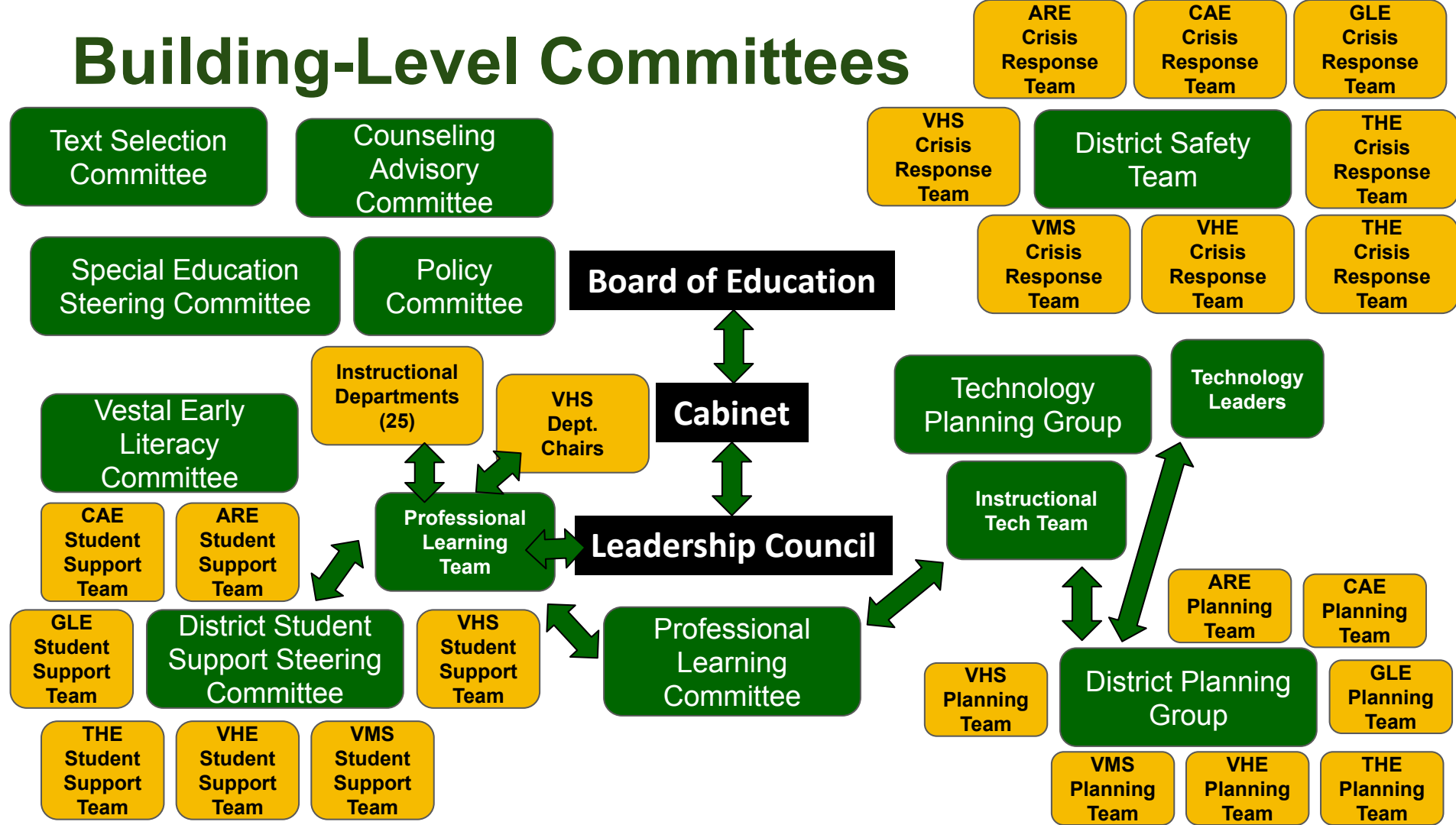
Core Leadership Team



Standing Committees/Teams



Building-Level Committees



Temporary Task Forces & Working Groups

District
Communications
Task Force

Board of Education



Cabinet



Leadership Council

Capital Project
Committee

K-5 Social
Studies Task
Force

K-5 Science
Task Force

That Is Where *You* Come In



Source: <https://www.wsha.org/wp-content/uploads/banner-diverse-group-of-people-2.jpg>

While our district, particularly prior to the pandemic, has done a fairly good job including diverse staff opinions into our decision-making, we think we can improve in the area of incorporating more parent and student input.

Some Parent Engagement Opportunities for this Year

- Orientations (UPK, Kindergarten, Sixth Grade, Ninth Grade): August/September
- ENL Parent Nights: October & February
- Curriculum Nights: Mid-to-late September
- AIS/Title I Information Nights: October
- Elementary Open Houses: May

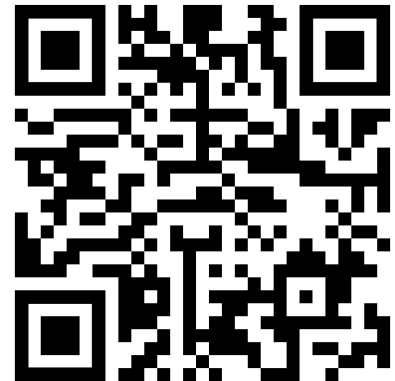
Standing Committees Seeking Parent Representation

- Capital Project Committee
- Community Schools Implementation Committee
- District Planning Group
- Instructional Technology Planning Committee
- Professional Learning Committee
- Textbook Adoption/Review Committee
- Student Support Committee

[Click here for descriptions of each committee's work.](#)

The district would like to put together a pool of parents/guardians who are interested in serving on its standing committees.

Please submit this [Committee Interest Form](#) if you would like to be considered for participation.





Breakout Rooms

Room #1: Extracurricular Activities

- How can the Vestal Central School District improve student and family participation in extracurricular activities?
- Facilitators: Dawn Young, Elaine Laramee, Austin Kiley, Hayley Crimmins

Room #2: Communications

- How can the Vestal Central School District better communicate with families?
- Facilitators: Clifford Kasson, Heather Pufky, Reggi Felice, Brad Bruce

Room #3: Sharing Diverse Viewpoints

- What feedback do you have concerning the district's approach to culturally responsive practice?
- Facilitators: Patrick Clarke, Cathy Willis, Denise England

Breakout Room #1: Extracurriculars



Focus Question(s): How can the Vestal Central School District improve student and family participation in extracurricular activities?

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Artifact: [Master List of Vestal Extracurricular Activities](#);

Athletics Webinar with Josh Gannon (Athletic Director): Thursday, 11/4/22 at 5:30 <https://vestal-k12-ny-us.zoom.us/j/98046574337>

Breakout Room #2: Communications



Focus Question(s): How can the Vestal Central School District better communicate with families?

- What information are families looking for?
- What is the best platform for communication?

Facilitators: Clifford Kasson, Heather Pufky, Reggi Felice, Hannah Elwyn

Artifact: [Draft communications platform document](#)



Breakout Room #3: Sharing Diverse Viewpoints

Focus Question(s): What feedback do you have concerning the district's approach to culturally responsive practice?

Facilitators: Patrick Clarke, Cathy Willis, Denise England,
Sarah Evans

Artifact: [Sharing Diverse Viewpoints Slides](#)

Full Group Debriefing



What major points were shared in the breakout rooms?

What suggestions does the group have for promoting wider family engagement?



Thank you!
We appreciate your engagement.