



Dear council member,

Whether you are an experience SBDM council member or are in your first term, we want to remind you that as a KASC member school, you have a team of professionals whose priority is to support the work of school councils in Kentucky, working with you.

The Kentucky Association of School Councils is a not-for-profit group that is sustained by the paid memberships of over 800 schools in Kentucky. KASC trained consultants provide training for all council members—from Introduction To SBDM sessions, to sessions for experienced council members, as well as many quality, current sessions for PD, written and presented by experienced classroom teachers and central office personnel. KASC also hosts a conference each fall which not only features council training but also PD presentations by high performing schools that share with others how to achieve similar results. (Next conference is Sept. 24th & 25th 2013 at the Marriott, downtown Louisville)

Our work is not just about creating practical toolkits to help councils with the basics like writing strong bylaws and policies—though we do that! We believe that councils are a powerful way to include broader representation in school decision-making and that council members can only make smart decisions if they have a vision of what schools can do for students. That's why we feature successful schools at our conference, and why we research what is working in schools and write professional development workshops based on what we learn. We think schools can be great for all kids, and that councils must play an important role.

When you have questions or things are not going as smoothly as they should, KASC is available to answer your legal and procedural questions. Just email us your questions at kasc@kasc.net. Not only do we have an attorney on staff that is well versed in SBDM law, we are a staff of educators, parents, and council members ourselves, so we understand your concerns—and the value of having someone to call for answers. All questions are held in the strictest of confidence.

We also know that sometimes you will want to do some exploring of issues yourself. Our website is a good starting place (www.kasc.net) and since your school is a member, you can access additional resources on the Members Only page of our website. Email us (nan@kasc.net) and we will provide you with your user name and password.

We look forward to working with you. KASC exists to make your work easier and to help you insure that all your students succeed! Our number is: 859/238-2188.

Sincerely,
Ronda Harmon
Executive Director