

FORT THOMAS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council Update

September 14, 2026

SBDMC Law Fulfillment



- KRS 160.345
 - Council membership
 - Open Meetings and Open Records
 - Professional Development
 - New Member Training
 - Six (6) clock hours
 - Experienced Member Training
 - Three (3) clock hours [annually]

26-27 SBDM Council Members

Highlands		
Principal	John Darnell	Experienced
Teacher	Matt Ewald	Experienced
Teacher	Jaime Richey	Experienced
Teacher	Katie Carelock	Experienced
Parent	Abbe Kuhn	Experienced
Parent - Minority Rep	Darnell McGhee	Experienced

Highlands Middle		
Principal	Erika Volpenhein	Experienced
Teacher	Sarah Klensch	Experienced
Teacher	Ella Workman	Experienced
Teacher	Amanda Wagner	New
Parent	Jen Bodeker	Experienced
Teacher - Minority Rep	Laura Rittinger	New
Parent - Minority Rep	Sam Spillman-Mullarky	New

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Johnson Elementary		
Principal	Ashley Dikeos	Experienced
Teacher	Erin Staff	Experienced
Teacher	Katie Leftin	Experienced
Teacher	Alyssa Brown	Experienced
Parent	Taylor Strong	New
Parent	Ellen Valentine	Experienced

Moyer Elementary		
Principal	Peter Winkler	Experienced
Teacher-Minority Rep	Vacant	
Teacher	Kelsey Hogberg	Experienced
Teacher	Claudia Hils	Experienced
Teacher	Karin Thomas	Experienced
Parent	Stefanie Heckman	Experienced
Parent	Jason Ayers	Experienced
Parent - Minority Rep	Chris Stewart	Experienced

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Woodfill Elementary		
Principal	John Gesenhues	Experienced
Teacher	Elli Keefer	New
Teacher	Allison Roch	New
Teacher	Kelly Smith	Experienced
Teacher-Minority Rep		
Parent		
Parent - Minority Rep		
Parent	Brittney Hurtt	Experienced