

Top 10 Ways to be a Great Rep!

Here are some practical ways to become a more effective rep and **Get the WORD Out** about the CAC. You are our **BEST** resource for making the council as effective as possible by getting actively involved.

10. **Join a committee.** Committee work is the lifeblood of the organization. This is where recommendations and reports take shape, so get involved at a grassroots level.
9. **Promote the CAC whenever you are at school or in your neighborhood.** Bring along CAC brochures at school events; ask to talk at your parent group meetings and other school events. Promote the CAC and its events. Invite people to visit the CAC website.
8. **Recruit more representatives.** We represent 11 communities in our district. That's a lot of voices – we want to hear from them and get as many people involved as possible. Invite people to come along with you.
7. **Ask questions and develop relationships.** What's important to the parents at your school? What about the community? You need to know so you can effectively represent them. We rely on you to bring your school's concerns, needs and opinions to the CAC. You should know the pulse of your community. You are their representative.
6. **Join a committee.** Keeping current and involved with legislative issues and district finances, curriculum, family & community engagement, enrollment & facilities, special education and more. It's an important way to positively impact your child's success.
5. **Set-up a regular meeting time with your principal and parent group leaders.** At least once a month, share CAC information with your administration and parent leaders and find out what are the top priorities/issues at the school. Build the relationship and establish good communication.
4. **Get dedicated display space.** Ask for a bulletin board or office window space at your school to post information about the CAC and important district news. You should also start a CAC notebook in your school office to archive CAC monthly summaries, finance reports and year-end committee reports. There's a lot of great info available.
3. **Meet with your school's CAC reps on a regular basis.** Divide up responsibilities, such as who will attend parent group meetings, who will handle the bulletin board, and make sure you are all aware of the school's needs and opinions.
2. **Stay Up to Date.** Regularly visit the council's website at www.u46cac.org and subscribe to district emails at www.u-46.org (home page) for the most current district and council news; follow the CAC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/u46cac.
1. **JOIN A COMMITTEE.** The more people that bring their talents and ideas to the table, the more effective CAC will be.



“The goal of the CAC is to advise and assist the Board of Education and Administration in the ongoing effort to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the students of the School District U-46.”