

Bureau of School Improvement

2008 LEGISLATION UPDATES Impacting School Advisory Councils

Senate Bill 1908 impacts the membership of School Advisory Councils (SAC). The bill requires that the majority of SAC members must not be employed by the **school district**. Previously, the majority could not be employed by that school. The law takes effect July 1, 2008, and will be included in the annual district compliance report next summer (assurances on schools for the 2008-09 school year). Rosters for 2008-09 should meet this new requirement.

House Bill 5001, the General Appropriations Act, provides the annual funding for School Advisory Councils in Section 1, Education Enhancement Trust Fund. Specific Appropriation 7 contains the allocation for both SACs and the Florida School Recognition Program. School Recognition awards will be paid to schools in accordance with Section 1008.36, F.S., in the amount of \$85 per student in each qualifying school.

The funds remaining will be allocated to SACs, no later than October 1, 2008, at the rate of \$5 per unweighted FTE student, to be used at the discretion of the SAC. Funds must be accounted for and are subject to an annual audit.