

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
Wilmette Public Schools**

ACTION ITEM

Date: June 27, 2016

To: Members, Board of Education

From: Raymond E. Lechner, Ph.D.

Subject: Community Review Committee (CRC) Revised Bylaws

PROPOSED ACTION BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approve the amendment of the Bylaws of the Community Review Committee (CRC) by replacing the following language in the purpose statement in its entirety with the language listed in italics below.

Purpose

The Community Review Committee (CRC) serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Education (BOE) for Wilmette Public Schools District 39 (District 39) to research specific topics that will lead to improvements in teaching, learning or managing the District's operations. The purpose of CRC shall be to: (1) research, study and discuss topic(s) under consideration by the BOE and/or of interest to the community and/or (2) help District 39 incubate, develop, and deliver a goal to which the BOE is already committed. Through the process of research and discovery, the CRC will also educate itself about educational issues that the CRC membership deems relevant to the annual topic selected by the CRC. At the end of each school year, the CRC shall produce a report, identify resources, and make recommendations to the BOE regarding the annual topic.

Purpose

The purpose of the CRC is to advise the Board on specific strategies that help fulfill District 39's mission. The CRC generally will select and research one topic of focus each year among suggestions solicited from District 39's Board of Education, faculty, staff, community, and CRC members. The CRC will also periodically audit past reports to assess implementation of recommendations by the Board. The CRC will present a formal report of its work and recommendations annually to the Board.

BACKGROUND

CRC's bylaws state: "Policy proposals or amendments to existing CRC bylaws are Board of Education policy and can only be amended by the Board of Education." As the 2015-16 CRC indicated in its annual report entitled "A Year of Reflection," the proposed amendment is a more concise and accurate description of the purpose of the CRC.