

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Governance Subcommittee
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Questions for the Rethinking of the Budget Committee Role in WCCUSD

While the Citizens Community Budget Advisory committee has been in operation for about 12 years, more recent developments including the enactment of the LCFF, the formation of the DLCAP and the more formalized process for reviewing parcel tax expenditures suggest that the Board may consider changes in how to engage the community around the budget process without convening committees with overlapping functions. Questions to consider in rethinking the roles include:

1. What's the Board's vision for how to engage the community in the budget development process?
2. How should the budget process include the core values of the Board such as equity of outcomes, transparency and community engagement?
3. What's been effective in the historical practices of the Board such as public budget study sessions, community forums in each high school attendance area, feedback from school site councils, reflections from the Community Budget Advisory Committee?
4. What's been less than highly effective in the past/current practices for engaging the community?
5. Should the Board consider a Board subcommittee organized similarly to the Facilities Sub and the Governance Subcommittee?
6. Should a Board subcommittee operate more like the Academic Subcommittee or the Safety Subcommittee?
7. How is the District Local Control Accountability Plan committee engaged in reviewing and advising the Board on high priority budget items?
8. Could the DLCAP expand its current role to consider the budget as a whole rather than be limited to the distribution of Supplemental and Concentration funds from the LCFF?
9. Could another current Board Subcommittee expand its role to include consideration of the budget?
10. How might the parcel tax oversight role be shifted to an ad hoc committee?