

# Portola Springs Elementary



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## School Site Council/ELAC Frequently Asked Questions

Being a part of Portola Springs Elementary School Site Council and ELAC committee is an excellent opportunity to be a participant in a worthwhile statewide educational program. The following information may be of help in deciding whether you want to be involved or nominate another person.

### WHAT IS A SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL?

The Council is an elected body composed of parents, staff members, and the school principal. Presently, we need to elect **four parent members for the 2014-2015 school year**. The role of the SSC will be to help develop a comprehensive plan for school improvement and to use this plan to communicate their efforts to the community.

### WHAT IS ELAC?

ELAC stands for English Learner Advisory Committee. This committee, with School Site Council, helps develop with SPSA (Single Plan for Student Achievement). The two committees work together to help develop a report of school needs, the language census, and communication with parents. We encourage parents of English Learners to join this SSC and ELAC committee.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL?

The major function of the School Site Council is to monitor the instructional improvement programs at a school site by assisting in the development of the SPSA, to liaison with the community regarding school improvement and programs, and to oversee the expenditure of categorical funds. Although SLIP is a Tier 3 categorical program and is not allocated in the same resources codes as in previous years, there are numerous categorical programs such as Economic Impact Aide (EIA) and Title I that still need SSC approval and specific documentations within the SPSA. For those of you familiar with SSC, we anticipate that the SPSA and SSC basic practices will continue unchanged for the upcoming year (with the exception of having to approve the SLIP and GATE budgets).