

**LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY
COUNTIES**
LEARNING COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL
AGENDA

August 19, 2021 - 6:00 PM
Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N 24th Street,
Omaha, NE 68110

**Learning Community Vision: That all children within the Learning
Community achieve academic success without regard to social or
economic circumstance.**

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows:
(Items do not have to be taken in the same order as listed.)

1. Opening the Meeting
 - 1.a. Call to Order: The regular August meeting of the Learning Community Council is called to order on August 19 2021, at _____ p.m.
 - 1.b. **Council Mission Statement:** Together with school districts and community organizations as partners, we demonstrate, share, and implement more effective practices to measurably improve educational outcomes for children and families in poverty.
 - 1.c. Public Notice and Compliance Nebraska Open Meetings Law
 - 1.d. Council Roll Call:
 - 1.e. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment
3. Chair Opening Statement
 - 3.a. Reports
 - 3.a.i. Chair
 - 3.a.ii. CEO
 - 3.a.iii. Treasurer
 - 3.a.iv. Legal Counsel
4. Subcommittee Reports
 - 4.a. Budget, Finance and Audit Subcommittee
 - 4.a.i. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to take the additional 1% allowable growth rate for the 2021-2022 Elementary Learning Center and Capital Projects budgets and to recommend the same to the full Council at the next Learning Community Coordinating Council meeting off the table.
 - 4.a.ii. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to approve the additional 1% allowable growth rate for the 2021-2022 Elementary Learning Center and Capital Projects budgets and to recommend the same to the full Council at the next Learning Community Coordinating Council meeting.
5. Upcoming Meeting – September 9, 2021 – Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 North 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68110

6. Adjourn

Closed Sessions: If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the council will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

Sequence of Agenda: The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the Council. Please arrive at the beginning of the meeting.

UPCOMING LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Advisory Committee To Be Determined

LC Coordinating Council September 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24th Street, Omaha, NE

Subcouncil #1 To Be Determined

Subcouncil #2 To Be Determined

Subcouncil #3 To Be Determined

Subcouncil #4 To Be Determined

Subcouncil #5 To Be Determined

Subcouncil #6 To Be Determined

HANDOUTS TO ACCOMPANY THIS AGENDA ARE AS FOLLOW

- Allowable Growth Rate documentation from Alice Lewis

What is the additional 1% allowable growth rate and why do we need it?

The 1% is an allowable governmental spending authorization percentage increase over our 2.5% **LID computation of restricted** funds. The calculations vary each year depending on the valuation amount and levy limitation rates. The allowable governmental spending authorization percentage increase of 1% is not cumulative compared to actual vs budgeted spending. When the organization experiences a growth spending, we utilize the 1% spending authority. It is the governmental method of self-insuring that the project and programs that have been implemented and funded will be completed. The spending authority (if used) is implemented in the beginning of the budget period. The spending authority is cumulative becomes the base budget amount for the following year. Approval of the current additional 1% eliminates the organization from having to call a special election for voter approval to obtain the additional spending authority. Again, this does **NOT** increase the property levy. Instead, this is a mechanism for our future **valuation growth (computation)**.

Why do we need this additional 1% you ask? Because it provides a safety net for our strategic plan in the growth and buildout of our satellite & 3rd ELC Locations. It provides a continuous incremental base line to maintain a positive momentum over inflation of cost as we create space for our community's needs. Example: the increasing cost of labor and lumber. We would be doing a disservice to our constituents if we did not secure the funds that adds value to what we do for them. It just makes good business sense. We must understand the impact this makes over time and not just for today.

Please see the link for any general Budget FAQ's from the State of Nebraska.

https://auditors.nebraska.gov/Budget_Info/Budget_FAQ.html