



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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## DISTRICT 97 BOARD MEMBER LIAISON REPORT

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**Name of the committee/organization:** CLAIM – Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention and Monitoring

**Date of the meeting:** April 14, 2016

**Names of the District 97 board liaisons:** Amy Felton and Rupa Datta

**Names of the District 97 administrative representatives (if applicable):** Chris Jасulca, Felicia Starks-Turner and Carol Kelley

### **Brief summary/key outcomes of the meeting:**

**Discussion Topics:** As a part of CLAIM's Equity and Excellence work team's goal to educate/share information about efforts in this area, Felicia Starks-Turner reported on the District's initiatives, including professional development efforts, to achieve equity and excellence in District 97 (see attached report). In addition, Carolyn Newberry-Schwartz, Executive Director of the Collaboration for Early Childhood, presented on the state of early childhood resources and funding and that organization's efforts to reach every child in our community (see attached report).

The Equity and Excellence work team presented its updated draft position paper. Members approved the current draft; however a couple of questions were raised that the work team will consider in their May work team meeting and then any amendments will be presented to the CLAIM at its May 19, 2016 meeting for final review and approval. The other individual work teams (Early Childhood and Finance) are working on their respective position papers that will be hopefully reviewed and approved at CLAIM's June meeting. CLAIM will then send these position papers to the D97 Board for review and approval and ultimately hopes to send to local legislators to educate them on the concerns of the committee and the District.

**Next steps:** CLAIM discussed that it wants to continue its efforts to educate themselves and the community as it relates to early childhood, equity and excellence and education funding and how it impacts D97. To that end, CLAIM aims to add development component to its meetings to educate members and the community on these important issues.

**Questions/feedback for the District 97 board:** CLAIM is interested in how it can be helpful to the board in its referendum planning process. To that end, CLAIM prepared and approved the attached list of questions for the board to consider as it discusses the referendum at its upcoming meetings.

**Date of the next meeting:** Next CLAIM meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2016. Bob Spatz is slated to discuss an updated on proposed educational funding legislation and its impact on D97.

**Supplemental documentation (e.g., agenda, reports, etc.) from the meeting (attached):** Agendas attached.

**Report submitted by (include name and date):** Amy Felton, April 24, 2016