

Approval Process:

The SCC will be involved in making decisions regarding school improvement with a focus on increasing student achievement. Decision making will include approving or not approving issues brought before the SCC. It is important for the council to understand the approval process and the authority within the DOE, BOE, and respective Unions who are authorized to provide the final approval for such decisions.

The approval process is conducted at all levels of decision making, by the SCC, principal, complex area superintendents, superintendent and the Board of Education. Each level may approve or not approve an action item or issue, but authority for the final approval of the decision is made by those held directly accountable.

The following table designates the final approval responsibility for issues that the SCC may take action upon:

Action item:	Final approval by:
Academic Plan and Financial Plan	Complex Area Superintendent
Exception Request to Collective Bargaining Agreements	SCC Exception Review Committees (HGEA, HSTA, and BOE)
Waivers to BOE Policy	Board of Education
DOE Operations & Procedures	Superintendent
School Level Policies, Rules, Procedures & Operations	Principal