Rationale

• An effective education system facilitates the development of a diverse and competent workforce that contributes greatly to a local area.
• The City of Aurora is served by 6 school districts, 2 Community College districts, 2 private colleges/universities, several private schools and early childhood providers.
• We will experience a greater and longstanding impact if and when our stakeholders work collaboratively and in alignment with an agreed upon strategic approach.

Purpose

• To engage in constructive dialogue on information and initiatives that benefit our Aurora area residents.
• To assume responsibility in identifying opportunities for the City and our academic partners to work collaboratively in joint policy development and in strategy development.
• To identify initiatives that results in cost savings, effective and efficient operations and innovative approaches to our area’s educational service delivery system.
Membership

Leadership

• Dr. Jeff Craig, Superintendent, School District 129, Commission Chair
• Dr. Christine Sobek, President, Waubonsee Community College, Commission Vice-Chair
• Lynor Johnson, Head of School, Fox Valley Montessori, Commission Treasurer
• Maria Lopez, Director of Development, St. Augustine College, Commission Secretary

Membership

• Dr. Karen Sullivan, Superintendent, School District 204
• Dr. John Sparlin, Superintendent, School District 308
• Dr. Lisa Hichens, Superintendent, School District 101
• Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Superintendent, School District 131
• Dr. Todd Leden, Superintendent, School District Kaneland
• Dr. Collette House, Superintendent, Aurora Christian
• Dr. Jose Torres, President, Illinois Math & Science Academy
• Mariana Osorio, Vice-President of Centers, Family Focus

• Phil Lundquist, Principal, Covenant Christian School
• Karen Behrns, Principal, Our Lady of Good Counsel
• Dr. Rebecca Sherrick, President, Aurora University
• Dr. Mablene Krueger, President, Robert Morris University
• Patricia Rooney, Director, SPARK
• Sandra Harrison, Co-Founder, Leaders in Transformational Education (L.I.T.E.)
• Christine Anderson, English-learners curriculum coordinator, School District 129
• Carl Wegman, President, R.C. Wegman Construction
• Dhevi Kandasamy, CEO, Orthosie LLC
• Edward Bugg, Alderman, City of Aurora Alderman
• Dr. Adrienne M. Holloway, City of Aurora, Chief Innovation Officer, City Liaison to Commission