

School Board's Role and Responsibilities

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The role of the District's Board is to govern the community's public schools by making the major decisions for the District. For the District to operate efficiently and effectively, the Board as a whole will perform its role by working together as a governance team with the Superintendent in the best interest of the District's students. As the elected governing body, the Board will be accountable to the public by faithfully fulfilling the following five responsibilities:

1. Setting the strategic direction for the District;
2. Establishing a system of District policies and rules;
3. Overseeing the employment of the Superintendent;
4. Exercising final decision-making authority for Board matters; and
5. Serving as a liaison between the District and the community.

This role belongs to the Board as a whole and not to the any Board member individually, or to the Superintendent individually. The Board as a whole, by working with the Superintendent to make decisions that will best serve the District's students, will govern the community's schools.

1. Setting the Strategic Direction

The Board sets the strategic direction for the District by establishing and maintaining the District's strategic or long-term plan that includes District priorities, goals and objectives. The Board allocates the resources and oversees the employment of the Superintendent to ensure this plan is accomplished.

2. Establishing a System of District Policies and Rules

The Board establishes the major District policies and rules, and delegates the authority to make any other rules to the administration under the Superintendent's direction.

3. Overseeing the Employment of the Superintendent

The Board hires, directs and evaluates the performance of the Superintendent.

4. Exercising Final Decision-Making Authority for Board Matters

The Board exercises final decision making authority for matters that:

- a. Are identified by law as exclusively within the province of the Board;
- b. Have potential significant impact on the District as a whole;
- c. Have important financial consequences for the District; or
- d. Are reserved for the Board to decide, either through District policy or Board action.

5. Serving as a Liaison between the District and the community.

The Board acts as a liaison between the District and the community by promoting school programs in the community and channeling concerns from community members to the appropriate District points of contact.