

The Board-Superintendent Relationship

The successful operation of schools requires a close, effective working relationship between the board and the superintendent. The relationship must be one of trust, goodwill and candor. As the legally designated governing body, the board retains final authority within the district. The board exercises powers expressly required and implied by law. The superintendent is the board's professional advisor, to whom the board delegates executive responsibility, including such powers required to manage the district in a manner consistent with board policy and state and federal law.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.320.010 Corporate powers
RCW 28A.330.050 Duties of superintendent as secretary of the board
RCW 28A.330.100 Additional powers of the board (First Class Districts Only)
RCW 28A.400.010 Employment of superintendent — Superintendent's qualifications, general powers, term, contract renewal
RCW 28A.400.030 Superintendent's duties

Management Resources:

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