

BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT ROLES AND WORKING RELATIONSHIP

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In addition to other responsibilities or expectations that the Board of Education may identify, the Board's expectations for its working relationship with the Superintendent include the following:

1. The Superintendent shall be prepared to provide the Board with a timely recommendation and supporting rationale regarding decisions that are presented for Board action. Such recommendations are intended to promote the Board's understanding of the relevant issues and to encourage a robust, professional dialogue regarding such decisions.
2. Once the Board makes a decision, it becomes the decision of the Board and the administration. The Superintendent, along with other administrative and managerial-level employees, will support lawful Board decisions by carrying out the decisions to the best of their ability and by not engaging in conduct that serves to undermine a decision, notwithstanding any professional or personal disagreement with the decision.
3. The Superintendent shall exercise sound professional judgment in identifying issues, incidents, and other information of which all members of the District's leadership team need to be aware, and in deciding when and how to appropriately communicate such information to the Board.
4. The Superintendent shall treat all members of the Board even-handedly.

The Board's further expectations for itself, and for which the community should hold its elected representatives accountable, include the following:

1. Through its policies, the Board recognizes that the sound functioning of the District and the achievement of the District's goals require shared responsibility for leadership and the delegation of significant responsibility to (and through) the Superintendent. Should the Superintendent raise a concern to the Board regarding the Board's performance of its primary leadership role or a concern that the Board is intruding too far into the administrative role, the Board owes a duty to the community to give such concerns due consideration.
2. The Board should use its authority as a governing body to limit and diffuse actions by individual Board members that contravene the will of the Board majority and that, in the judgment of the Board, are serving to inappropriately undermine the effectiveness of the District's leadership team.
3. In the event of a disagreement with an administrative recommendation or decision, the Board expects that the interaction among the Board members and administrators will remain respectful.
4. The Board will work with the Superintendent to achieve a resolution to complaints, concerns, or controversies that may arise in a manner that is consistent with each other's respective roles and with established policies and procedures. Individual Board members, in particular, have a responsibility to ensure that they are referring complaints, concerns, or controversies through appropriate channels. An individual Board Member will not seek to resolve a concern on their own. A Board Member may request that the administration provide an update to the Board on any issue.

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