

## **Administration**

### **Professional Development**

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of professional development opportunities for new and experienced administrators. Administrators should provide positive role models for other staff and students by adopting the dual roles of teacher and learner. Formal acknowledgment of the importance of these reciprocal roles and responsibilities will lead to sustained professional growth and learning among administrative staff, which will, in turn, benefit the school community.

A philosophy that promotes continued learning for all educators should permeate professional development programs and practices. The philosophy should specifically support different learning needs, based on experience, and an investment in the professional growth of future school leaders.

All administrators should be exposed to professional growth opportunities and educational practices that address ways to foster excellence, diversity and equity in the school community. Professional development programs should be developed to assist and alert participants to issues related to the impact of racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economical and sexual orientation bias, as well as structural and systemic barriers to equity and trauma responsive practices in the classroom, in the schools, and in the broader community.

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