

June 29, 2023



Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.



Dear Dr. Ross:

I am writing on behalf of the School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Board of Trustees to follow up the discussion of your evaluation at the Board's meetings on June 12 and 26, 2023, and provide a summary of the Board's evaluation of your performance during the 2022-23 school year. The purpose of this letter is to summarize the conclusions of the Board and provide you with guidance as the District proceeds through the 2023-24 school year.

The Board wishes to commend you on your overall effective evaluation for the 2022-23 school year. Your evaluation assessed your performance in five primary areas, including Governance and Board Relations; Community Relations; Staff Relations; Business and Finance; and Instructional Leadership.

We appreciate the ongoing leadership you have provided to the District. You are a good communicator with the Board, the District staff and the community. You are a people person with a big heart for children and you consider the whole child. You continue to seek innovative ideas to provide additional value to our students and staff. You have a unique ability to adjust and pivot when needed.

As we move into the 2023-24 school year, we request as an area of focus for you that you continue to enhance communications. Specifically, we ask that you provide timely updates to Board members when you have received their emails sharing concerns from the community and/or constituents. Furthermore, please inform the Board when or if the matter has been delegated to a staff member and has been handled. If a request from the Board or the community is overly burdensome; or, if there is concern about the length of time it will require to provide an answer, we ask that you advise the Board as soon as reasonably possible.

As a result of your overall effective evaluation, the Board voted at its meeting on June 26, 2023, to extend your contract one year, through June 30, 2027. We greatly appreciate your leadership and commitment to our District and the continued leadership you will provide to our District.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Blackburn Hines
Board Chair

c: Board Members
Personnel File

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Evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.

Board Chair: Rebecca Blackburn Hines
(Name)

Signature:

Overall Rating: 3.3

Date: 6/26/23

Superintendent Signature:

Date: June 26, 2023



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A. Governance & Board Relations

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A3 Information Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Does not provide the information the board needs to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps only some members informed, making it difficult for the board to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps all board members informed with appropriate information as needed so it may perform its responsibilities.	Has established mutually agreed upon protocols with the board regarding communication. Executes those protocols consistently.	2, 2, 3, 4, 3.5, 4, 3
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Overall Category rating:					



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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:
<p>Dr. Ross does an exceptional job with informing the board about policies and policy changes that come recommended by the SC Dept. of Education or the SCSBA; or with policies that need to be added or updated per changes in state law.</p> <p>Dr. Ross does a great job in incorporating district strategic goals during his superintendent report; however, I believe there may be some confusion about his goal development within the board as there has only been limited opportunity to discuss goals with us as a group consisting of new & relatively new board members.</p> <p>Dr. Ross has done an exceptional job in responding to individual board member questions by including all board members in his responses. It is apparent that he strives to answer questions timely and will acknowledge if the breadth of the request and his responses will take more time.</p> <p>* A full day(s) board workshop or retreat would better prepare the Superintendent and board to discuss priorities, concerns, and feedback. (and to get on the same page for the next year.)</p>	



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<p>Dr. Ross has done a good job in engaging parental and community involvement with his Parent Advisory Board and his Business Advisory Board. I also believe that he has encouraged several community wide surveys to seek opinions, especially regarding hot-topic items. I would suggest, however, that the scope of parent/community/business feedback be expanded due to the fact that the advisory groups can only represent a small percentage of those that would like to express feedback, but cannot due to circumstances outside their control (work/family obligations, they weren't invited to participate in an advisory group, etc.)</p> <p>Dr. Ross (and his team) have done a good job with media relations by promoting the positive attributes with District 5. However, I do believe that some honesty with the media relating to our "faults" are better acknowledged to the media (without breaking legal/confidential boundaries). The community knows when something is wrong, and it has been felt that only positive messaging during those times could be seen as sweeping something under the rug.</p>	



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<p>It appears that Dr. Ross does a great job communicating with staff and engaging staff with goal setting for the district. The board has received feedback that staff would like to have more involvement with feedback/decisions relating to professional development opportunities related to their subject-matters or school-focused circumstances as opposed to having blanket district wide, mandatory PD as the only options. There have been concerns expressed and observed that personnel matters may not always be consistent in the way they are handled, depending on the staff member handling them. In regards to internal hirings/promotions, there are concerns regarding impartiality despite the 2-tiered "committee" process. It would be recommended that preferences would not be discussed among HR, hiring selection committees, or administration prior to the first interview, especially when interviewing for administrative roles.</p> <p>It is very clear that Dr. Ross and his HR team have developed a robust recruiting process and they are all to be praised.</p>	



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D. Business & Finance

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D2 Budget reports Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 2, 9	Doesn't report financial information to the board except with the annual audit.	Reports the status of financial accounts as requested by the board.	Reports to the board concerning the budget and financial status on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, etc., as agreed upon by governance team).	Has a system in place for the monitoring and reporting of all budgetary and financial information to the board. Information provided is adequate and timely, and outlines potential ramifications of any changes.	3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3
D3 Financial controls Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Annual audit has revealed areas that are in need of improvement. Financial accounts aren't in order.	Annual audit is used to reveal any discrepancies. Internal controls are inconsistent.	Is up-to-date with GAAP and state accounting procedures. Maintains internal controls.	Promotes appropriate financial controls, including third-party audits and reconciliation of accounts. Is proactive.	1, 1, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4
D4 Facility management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 5, 9	A facilities management plan is not created. Maintenance is only performed when absolutely needed.	Facilities needs are discussed internally, but a plan is not created. Issues are addressed on an as-needed basis.	A facilities management plan is in place that includes the current status of the buildings and the need to improve any facilities in the future.	Facilities management plan in place includes current status of buildings and the need to improve facilities in the future, with a projected plan to secure funding.	4, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4
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<p>Dr. Ross and his CFO have done a fantastic job in staying abreast of budgetary needs, even as they continue to fluctuate. They have gone above and beyond to answer specific board member and community member questions as are evident in email correspondence and during board meetings. While improvement is always encouraged, they are both to be commended. Budget reports are always detailed during meetings each month.</p> <p>The administration has implemented several controls as a result of the special audit. They have also sought assistance to stay up to date with state accounting procedures and are transparent when they find issues that have occurred during their tenure.</p> <p>The facilities management may have the biggest struggles. It appears that the facility plans are constantly changing and we are hopeful this new study will alleviate some concerns as long as plans begin to be implemented. While some responsibility may have been with the board, the people responsible for ensuring the IRMO High and Chapin High projects are completed in a timely manner need to step up the focus on these projects as they were approved over 2 years ago, and they are only becoming more expensive.</p>	



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E. Instructional Leadership

E1	Performance evaluation system Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
		No performance evaluation system is in place and/or not all evaluations have been completed as required.	Most performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law.	All required performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law. Individual Development Plans are provided to staff rated as less than effective.	Performance evaluation system has been established that is in compliance with state law, provides opportunities for growth to instructional staff, and is applied consistently across the district with consistent results.	3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 3
E2	Building-Level Leadership Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 4, 6, 7	No effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction have not been identified.	Little effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction are vague or unclear.	Efforts are made to foster autonomy at all school buildings but may not be consistent or aligned to district objectives. Goals for learning and instruction are not prioritized.	Principals are provided defined autonomy consistently with accountability. Clear, non-negotiable goals for learning and instruction have been established that provide school leadership teams with the responsibility and authority for determining how to meet those goals.	4, 4, 3, 4, 3.5, 4, 4
E3	School Improvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	School improvement efforts are limited. There is no comprehensive plan in place.	School improvement plans are in place at the building level but lack district-wide coordination.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals. Systems are in place for implementation of improvement efforts and monitoring of progress.	3, 4, 3, 4, 3.5, 3, 3
E4	Professional knowledge Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 4, 6	Is uninvolved in current instructional programs. Is unaware of current instructional issues. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification and is not enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Is somewhat knowledgeable of current instructional programs. Relies on others for information/data. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification but is currently enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Demonstrates knowledge of current instructional programs, and is able to discuss them. Seeks to learn and improve upon personal and professional abilities. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	Demonstrates knowledge of and comfort explaining current instructional programs. Participates actively in professional groups and organizations for the benefit of the district and personal, professional growth. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 3
Overall Category rating:						



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Artifacts that may serve as evidence of performance:

- Meeting agendas/minutes • Board packets • Board development materials • Memos/communications • Board policies/policy book • Retreat agendas/minutes
- Board development plan • Communication protocols • Policy review calendar
- Third party survey data • School accreditation survey data • Meeting invitations, agendas • Press releases • Community meeting agendas • News clips/interviews
- Community engagement calendar • Strategic planning agenda(s) • Communications • Service club membership(s)
- Third-party survey data • School accreditation survey data • Hiring process documentation • Personnel policies and procedures • Recruitment calendar
- Staff leadership development plan • School visit calendar • Communications • Staff meeting agendas/minutes
- Strategic plan • Auditor's report • District budget • Budget-related communications • Election results that impact funding or facilities
- Evidence of budgetary alignment to district-wide goals • Grants received/applied for • Policies/procedures related to fund management • Long-term financial forecast data
- Facilities maintenance plan • Facilities management plan
- Staff evaluation calendar • District performance evaluation system • Superintendent professional growth plan • Curriculum • Rt/MTSS
- Superintendent professional development • Teacher analysis of student achievement data • Curriculum audit • Strategic plan/district-wide goals
- Staff development plan • Professional development calendar • Instructional model(s) • Curriculum team agendas • Instructional audit
- Coaching documentation • Observational data from staff • Documentation of instructional rounds • Positive behavior supports/character programs

Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Demonstrates in-depth understanding of district operations and needs- Willing to think outside of the box for solutions- Keeps board informed timely- Effectively engages parents and stakeholders	

Score	Trustee 1	Trustee 2	Trustee 3	Trustee 4	Trustee 5	Trustee 6	Trustee 7	Total Points	(4.0 Scale)	
Governance & Board Relations	A1 - Policy Involvement	3.5	3	4	3	1	3	21.5/28	3.07	
	A2 - Goal Development	3.5	4	4	2	2	3	21.5/28	3.07	
	A3 - Information	3.5	3	4	2	2	3	21.5/28	3.07	
	A4 - Board Questions	4	4	3	2	1	4	21/28	3	
	"A" Totals									
	14.5	14	15	9	6	12	15	85.5/112	3.05	
	Community Relations									
	B1 - Parent Feedback	3	3	4	2	3	3	4	22/28	3.14
	B2 - Communication with Community	3.5	3	4	3	2	3	4	22.5/28	3.21
	B3 - Community Feedback	3.5	4	4	3	3	3	4	24.5/28	3.5
B4 - Media Relations	3.5	3	4	3	3	4	3	23.5/28	3.36	
"B" Totals										
13.5	13	16	11	11	13	15	92.5/112	3.3		
Staff Relations										
C1 - Staff Feedback	3.5	4	4	3	3	3	4	24.5/28	3.5	
C2 - Staff Communications	3.5	3	4	4	3	3	4	24.5/28	3.5	
C3 - Personnel Matters	2.5	3	4	2	1	2	4	18.5/28	2.64	
C4 - Recruitment	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	26/28	3.71	
"C" Totals										
13.5	14	15	13	11	12	15	93.5/112	3.34		
Business & Finance										
D1 - Budget Development & Management	4	3	4	2	1	4	4	22/28	3.14	
D2 - Budget Reports	4	3	4	3	3	4	4	25/28	3.57	
D3 - Financial Controls	3	4	4	1	1	3	4	20/28	2.86	
D4 - Facility Management	3	4	4	4	2	3	4	24/28	3.43	
"D" Totals										
14	14	16	10	7	14	16	91/112	3.25		
Instructional Leadership										
E1 - Performance Evaluation System	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	25/28	3.57	
E2 - Building Level Leadership	3.5	4	4	4	4	3	4	26.5/28	3.79	
E3 - School Improvement	3.5	3	4	3	4	3	3	23.5/28	3.36	
E4 - Professional Knowledge	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	24/28	3.43	
"E" Totals										
15	13	16	13	15	12	15	99/112	3.54		
TOTALS:										
70.5	68	78	56	50	63	76	461.5/560	3.3		



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E3 School Improvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	School improvement efforts are limited. There is no comprehensive plan in place.	School improvement plans are in place at the building level but lack district-wide coordination.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals. Systems are in place for implementation of improvement efforts and monitoring of progress.	3
E4 Professional knowledge Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 4, 6	Is uninvolved in current instructional programs. Is unaware of current instructional issues. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification and is not enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Is somewhat knowledgeable of current instructional programs. Relies on others for information/data. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification but is currently enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Demonstrates knowledge of current instructional programs, and is able to discuss them. Seeks to learn and improve upon personal and professional abilities. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	Demonstrates knowledge of and comfort explaining current instructional programs. Participates actively in professional groups and organizations for the benefit of the district and personal, professional growth. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	3
Overall Category rating:					12

Artifacts that may serve as evidence of performance:



2022-2023

Evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.

Superintendent Name: Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.

School year:
2022-2023

Item	Category Overall Rating		
A. Governance & Board Relations	<u>12</u> / <u>16</u>		
B. Community Relations	<u>13</u> / <u>16</u>		
C. Staff Relations	<u>12</u> / <u>16</u>		
D. Business & Finance	<u>14</u> / <u>16</u>		
E. Instructional Leadership	<u>12</u> / <u>16</u>		
Total Possible For Each Item (20)	<u>63</u> / <u>80</u>		



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Evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.

Board Chair: _____

(Name)

Signature: _____

Overall Rating: _____

Date: _____

Superintendent Signature: _____

Date: _____

A. Governance & Board Relations					Rating (1-4)
	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	
A1 Policy Involvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Makes decisions without regard to adopted policy.	Provides correspondence from policy provider with recommendation(s) for adoption. Follows as written.	Is actively involved in the development, recommendation and administration of district policies.	Is proactive in the determination of district needs and policy priorities; has a system in place to ensure timely administration of district policies.	1
A2 Goal development Professional Standards for	Goals are not developed.	Goals are defined by implementing state curriculum and seeking to maximize student scores.	Facilitates the development of short-term goals for the district. Provides the necessary financial strategies to meet these goals.	Has a system in place for establishing, reporting on and	

Educational Leaders: 1, 9, 10				monitoring goals. Budget practices help to ensure alignment of resources to goals.	2
A3 Information Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Does not provide the information the board needs to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps only some members informed, making it difficult for the board to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps all board members informed with appropriate information as needed so it may perform its responsibilities.	Has established mutually agreed upon protocols with the board regarding communication. Executes those protocols consistently.	2
A4 Board questions Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Board questions aren't answered fully nor in a timely manner.	Most board questions are answered. All members aren't apprised of all relevant questions/answers.	Board questions are addressed with follow-up to all board members.	Has a system in place for receiving and responding to board member questions in a timely and thorough manner.	1
Overall Category rating: 6					
Comments by Board of Education:			Comments by the Superintendent:		

Educational Leaders: 1, 8	communication unless absolutely necessary.	proactive.		communication plan that fosters positive relations.	2
889 Community feedback. Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Doesn't accept input or engage community.	Accepts suggestions and input from community but fails to seek it. Does not engage community in decision-making or district-wide goal setting.	Readily accepts community input and engages community in district-wide goal setting and decision-making.	Actively seeks community input, creates methods for community to be actively involved in decision-making as well as setting and supporting district-wide goals.	3
894 Media relations Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Communicates with the media only when requested.	Isn't proactive, but is cooperative with the media when contacted.	Promotes positive relations and provides the media with district event information.	Initiates and establishes a system for actively engaging the media to promote the district and provide timely and effective information.	3
Overall					
11					
Category rating:					
Comments by Board of Education:					
Comments by the Superintendent:					

C. Staff Relations					
	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
C1 Staff feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 7	Doesn't accept input or engage teachers and staff in decision-making or goal setting.	Accepts suggestions and input from staff but does not seek it. Does not engage staff in district-wide goal setting or decision-making.	Readily accepts staff input and engages staff in district-wide goal setting and/or decision-making.	Actively seeks staff input and creates methods for staff to be actively involved in decision-making as well as developing and supporting district-wide goals.	3
C2 Staff communications Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Doesn't inform staff of matters that may be of concern.	Is inconsistent in keeping staff informed of important matters.	Consistently keeps staff informed of important matters.	Develops and ensures implementation of a staff communication plan that fosters positive relations and keeps staff informed of important matters.	3
C3 Personnel matters Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 9	Personnel matters are not handled in a consistent manner. Some situations may be handled with bias.	Many personnel matters are handled, but not always in a consistent manner.	Personnel matters are handled with consistency, fairness, discretion, and impartiality.	A system is in place for handling personnel matters that is proactive, consistent, fair, discrete, and impartial. Personnel procedures are	1

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D. Business & Finance						
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D1 Budget development and management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 2, 9	Budget knowledge is limited. The budget is developed and managed without taking into consideration current needs of the district.	Works to develop and manage the budget to meet the immediate fiscal issues. Decisions are primarily reactive to current needs of the district.	Budget actions are proactive and consider the most current information and data. A balance is sought to meet the needs of students and remain fiscally responsible to the community.	Budget actions are proactive and consider both current and long-range information and data. A balance is sought to meet the current and future needs of students and remain fiscally responsible to the community.	1	
D2 Budget reports Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 2, 9	Doesn't report financial information to the board except with the annual audit.	Reports the status of financial accounts as requested by the board.	Reports to the board concerning the budget and financial status on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, etc., as agreed upon by governance team).	Has a system in place for the monitoring and reporting of all budgetary and financial information to the board. Information provided is adequate and timely, and outlines potential ramifications of any changes.	3	
D3 Financial controls Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Annual audit has revealed areas that are in need of improvement. Financial accounts aren't in order.	Annual audit is used to reveal any discrepancies. Internal controls are inconsistent.	Is up-to-date with GAAP and state accounting procedures. Maintains internal controls.	Promotes appropriate financial controls, including third-party audits and reconciliation of accounts. Is proactive.	1	
D4 Facility management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 5, 9	A facilities management plan is not created. Maintenance is only performed when absolutely needed.	Facilities needs are discussed internally, but a plan is not created. Issues are addressed on an as-needed basis.	A facilities management plan is in place that includes the current status of the buildings and the need to improve any facilities in the future.	Facilities management plan in place includes current status of buildings and the need to improve facilities in the future, with a projected plan to secure funding.	2	
Overall Category rating:						7
Comments by Board of Education:					Comments by the Superintendent:	

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Overall Category rating:					15

Artifacts that MAY serve as evidence of performance:

- Meeting agendas/minutes • Board packets • Board development materials • Memos/communications • Board policies/policy book • Retreat agendas/minutes
- Board development plan • Communication protocols • Policy review calendar
- Third party survey data • School accreditation survey data • Meeting invitations/agendas • Press releases • Community meeting agendas • News clips/interviews
- Community engagement calendar • Strategic planning agenda(s) • Communications • Service club membership(s)
- Third party survey data • School accreditation survey data • Hiring process documentation • Personnel policies and procedures • Recruitment calendar
- Staff leadership development plan • School visit calendar • Communications • Staff meeting agendas/minutes
- Strategic plan • Auditor's report • District budget • Budget-related communications • Election results that impact funding or facilities
- Evidence of budgetary alignment to district-wide goals • Grants received/applied for • Policies/procedures related to fund management • Long-term financial forecast data
- Facilities maintenance plan • Facilities management plan
- Staff evaluation calendar • District performance evaluation system • Superintendent professional growth plan • Curriculum • Rtl/MTSS
- Superintendent professional development • Teacher analysis of student achievement data • Curriculum audit • Strategic plan/district-wide goals
- Staff development plan • Professional development calendar • Instructional model(s) • Curriculum team agendas • Instructional audit
- Coaching documentation • Observational data from staff • Documentation of instructional rounds • Positive behavior supports/character programs

Comments by Board of Education:		Comments by the Superintendent:		
				F. Determining the Professional Practice Rating
Superintendent Name: Dr. Aki E. Ross, Sr.				School year: 2022-2023
Item	Category Overall Rating			
A. Governance & Board Relations				
		6 /16		
B. Community Relations				
		11 /16		
C. Staff Relations				
		11 /16		

D. Business & Finance	7	/16						
E. Instructional Leadership	15	/16						
Total Possible For Each Item (20)	50	/80						
evaluator								



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A. Governance & Board Relations

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A3 Information Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Does not provide the information the board needs to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps only some members informed, making it difficult for the board to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps all board members informed with appropriate information as needed so it may perform its responsibilities.	Has established mutually agreed upon protocols with the board regarding communication. Executes those protocols consistently.	2
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Overall Category rating:					9



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B. Community Relations

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
B1 Parent feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Doesn't accept input from or engage parents.	Accepts suggestions and input from parents but fails to seek it. Does not engage parents in decision-making or district-wide goal setting.	Readily accepts parent input and engages parents in district-wide goal setting and decision-making.	Actively seeks parental input, creates methods for parents to be actively involved in decision-making as well as setting and supporting district-wide goals.	2
B2 Communication with community Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Isn't readily available for parents, businesses, governmental and civic groups. Avoids direct communication unless absolutely necessary.	Is available for parents, businesses, governmental and civic groups, providing them with information, but doesn't seek their input. Is not proactive.	Actively seeks two-way communication with the community as appropriate.	Develops and ensures implementation of a community communication plan that fosters positive relations.	3
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B4 Media relations Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Communicates with the media only when requested.	Isn't proactive, but is cooperative with the media when contacted.	Promotes positive relations and provides the media with district event information.	Initiates and establishes a system for actively engaging the media to promote the district and provide timely and effective information.	3
Overall Category rating:					11



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C1 Staff feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 7	Doesn't accept input or engage teachers and staff in decision-making or goal setting.	Accepts suggestions and input from staff but does not seek it. Does not engage staff in district-wide goal setting or decision-making.	Readily accepts staff input and engages staff in district-wide goal setting and/or decision-making.	Actively seeks staff input and creates methods for staff to be actively involved in decision-making as well as developing and supporting district-wide goals.	3
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C4 Recruitment Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6	There is no formal or informal recruitment process and/or hiring is considered in an arbitrary manner.	An informal recruitment and hiring process is in place, but is not used consistently.	A formal recruitment and hiring process is followed for hiring opportunities.	A formal recruitment and hiring process is followed for each hiring opportunity. Actively recruits the best staff available and encourages their application to the district.	4
Overall Category rating:					13



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Overall Category rating:					10



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Overall Category rating:					3

Artifacts that may serve as evidence of performance:



2022-2023

Evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.

Superintendent Name: Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.

School year:
2022-2023

Item	Category Overall Rating		
A. Governance & Board Relations	<u>9</u> /16		
B. Community Relations	<u>11</u> /16		
C. Staff Relations	<u>13</u> /16		
D. Business & Finance	<u>10</u> /16		
E. Instructional Leadership	<u>13</u> /16		
Total Possible For Each Item (20)	<u>56</u> /80		



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A. Governance & Board Relations

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Overall Category rating:					15



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B. Community Relations

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Overall Category rating:					4



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D3 Financial controls Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Annual audit has revealed areas that are in need of improvement. Financial accounts aren't in order.	Annual audit is used to reveal any discrepancies. Internal controls are inconsistent.	Is up-to-date with GAAP and state accounting procedures. Maintains internal controls.	Promotes appropriate financial controls, including third-party audits and reconciliation of accounts. Is proactive.	4
D4 Facilities management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 5, 9	A facilities management plan is not created. Maintenance is only performed when absolutely needed.	Facilities needs are discussed internally, but a plan is not created. Issues are addressed on an as-needed basis.	A facilities management plan is in place that includes the current status of the buildings and the need to improve any facilities in the future.	Facilities management plan in place includes current status of buildings and the need to improve facilities in the future, with a projected plan to secure funding.	4
Overall Category rating:					4



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	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
E1 Performance evaluation system Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	No performance evaluation system is in place and/or not all evaluations have been completed as required.	Most performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law.	All required performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law. Individual Development Plans are provided to staff rated as less than effective.	Performance evaluation system has been established that is in compliance with state law, provides opportunities for growth to instructional staff, and is applied consistently across the district with consistent results.	4
E2 Building-level Leadership Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 4, 6, 7	No effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction have not been identified.	Little effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction are vague or unclear.	Efforts are made to foster autonomy at all school buildings but may not be consistent or aligned to district objectives. Goals for learning and instruction are not prioritized.	Principals are provided defined autonomy consistently with accountability. Clear, non-negotiable goals for learning and instruction have been established that provide school leadership teams with the responsibility and authority for determining how to meet those goals.	4
E3 School Improvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	School improvement efforts are limited. There is no comprehensive plan in place.	School improvement plans are in place at the building level but lack district-wide coordination.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals. Systems are in place for implementation of improvement efforts and monitoring of progress.	4
E4 Professional knowledge Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 4, 6	Is uninvolved in current instructional programs. Is unaware of current instructional issues. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification and is not enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Is somewhat knowledgeable of current instructional programs. Relies on others for information/data. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification but is currently enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Demonstrates knowledge of current instructional programs, and is able to discuss them. Seeks to learn and improve upon personal and professional abilities. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	Demonstrates knowledge of and comfort explaining current instructional programs. Participates actively in professional groups and organizations for the benefit of the district and personal, professional growth. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	4
Overall Category rating:					4

Artifacts that may serve as evidence of performance:



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Board Chair: _____
(Name)

Signature: _____

Overall Rating: _____

Date: _____

Superintendent Signature: _____

Date: _____



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A. Governance & Board Relations

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
A1 Policy involvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Makes decisions without regard to adopted policy.	Provides correspondence from policy provider with recommendation(s) for adoption. Follows as written.	Is actively involved in the development, recommendation and administration of district policies.	Is proactive in the determination of district needs and policy priorities; has a system in place to ensure timely administration of district policies.	3.5
A2 Goal development Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 9, 10	Goals are not developed.	Goals are defined by implementing state curriculum and seeking to maximize student scores.	Facilitates the development of short-term goals for the district. Provides the necessary financial strategies to meet those goals.	Has a system in place for establishing, reporting on and monitoring goals. Budget practices help to ensure alignment of resources to goals.	3.5
A3 Information Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Does not provide the information the board needs to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps only some members informed, making it difficult for the board to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps all board members informed with appropriate information as needed so it may perform its responsibilities.	Has established mutually agreed upon protocols with the board regarding communication. Executes those protocols consistently.	3.5
A4 Board questions Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Board questions aren't answered fully nor in a timely manner.	Most board questions are answered. All members aren't apprised of all relevant questions/answers.	Board questions are addressed with follow-up to all board members.	Has a system in place for receiving and responding to board member questions in a timely and thorough manner.	4
Overall Category rating:					14.5

Comments by Board of Education:

Comments by the Superintendent:



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Dr. Ross does an exceptional job with informing the board about policies and policy changes that come recommended by the SC Dept. of Education or the SCSBA; or with policies that need to be added or updated per changes in state law.

Dr. Ross does a great job in incorporating district strategic goals during his superintendent report; however, I believe there may be some confusion about his goal development within the board as there has only been limited opportunity to discuss goals with us as a group consisting of new & relatively new board members.

Dr. Ross has done an exceptional job in responding to individual board member questions by including all board members in his responses. It is apparent that he strives to answer questions timely and will acknowledge if the breadth of the request and his responses will take more time.

*A full day(s) board workshop or retreat would better prepare the Superintendent and board to discuss priorities, concerns, and feedback. (and to get on the same page for the next year.)



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B. Community Relations

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
B1 Parent feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Doesn't accept input from or engage parents.	Accepts suggestions and input from parents but fails to seek it. Does not engage parents in decision-making or district-wide goal setting.	Readily accepts parent input and engages parents in district-wide goal setting and decision-making.	Actively seeks parental input, creates methods for parents to be actively involved in decision-making as well as setting and supporting district-wide goals.	3
B2 Communication with community Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Isn't readily available for parents, businesses, governmental and civic groups. Avoids direct communication unless absolutely necessary.	Is available for parents, businesses, governmental and civic groups, providing them with information, but doesn't seek their input. Is not proactive.	Actively seeks two-way communication with the community as appropriate.	Develops and ensures implementation of a community communication plan that fosters positive relations.	3.5
B3 Community feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Doesn't accept input or engage community.	Accepts suggestions and input from community but fails to seek it. Does not engage community in decision-making or district-wide goal setting.	Readily accepts community input and engages community in district-wide goal setting and decision-making.	Actively seeks community input, creates methods for community to be actively involved in decision-making as well as setting and supporting district-wide goals.	3.5
B4 Media relations Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Communicates with the media only when requested.	Isn't proactive, but is cooperative with the media when contacted.	Promotes positive relations and provides the media with district event information.	Initiates and establishes a system for actively engaging the media to promote the district and provide timely and effective information.	3.5
Overall Category rating:					13.5



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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:
<p>Dr. Ross has done a good job in engaging parental and community involvement with his Parent Advisory Board and his Business Advisory Board. I also believe that he has encouraged several community wide surveys to seek opinions, especially regarding hot-topic items. I would suggest, however, that the scope of parent/community/business feedback be expanded due to the fact that the advisory groups can only represent a small percentage of those that would like to express feedback, but cannot due to circumstances outside their control (work/family obligations, they weren't invited to participate in an advisory group, etc.)</p> <p>Dr. Ross (and his team) have done a good job with media relations by promoting the positive attributes with District 5. However, I do believe that some honesty with the media relating to our "faults" are better acknowledged to the media (without breaking legal/confidential boundaries). The community knows when something is wrong, and it has been felt that only positive messaging during those times could be seen as sweeping something under the rug.</p>	



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C. Staff Relations

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
C1 Staff feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 7	Doesn't accept input or engage teachers and staff in decision-making or goal setting.	Accepts suggestions and input from staff but does not seek it. Does not engage staff in district-wide goal setting or decision-making.	Readily accepts staff input and engages staff in district-wide goal setting and/or decision-making.	Actively seeks staff input and creates methods for staff to be actively involved in decision-making as well as developing and supporting district-wide goals.	3.5
C2 Staff communications Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Doesn't inform staff of matters that may be of concern.	Is inconsistent in keeping staff informed of important matters.	Consistently keeps staff informed of important matters.	Develops and ensures implementation of a staff communication plan that fosters positive relations and keeps staff informed of important matters.	3.5
C3 Personnel matters Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 9	Personnel matters are not handled in a consistent manner. Some situations may be handled with bias.	Many personnel matters are handled, but not always in a consistent manner.	Personnel matters are handled with consistency, fairness, discretion, and impartiality.	A system is in place for handling personnel matters that is proactive, consistent, fair, discrete, and impartial. Personnel procedures are regularly reviewed, communicated to staff, and updated as needed.	2.5
C4 Recruitment Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6	There is no formal or informal recruitment process and/or hiring is considered in an arbitrary manner.	An informal recruitment and hiring process is in place, but is not used consistently.	A formal recruitment and hiring process is followed for hiring opportunities.	A formal recruitment and hiring process is followed for each hiring opportunity. Actively recruits the best staff available and encourages their application to the district.	4
Overall Category rating:					13.5



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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:
<p>It appears that Dr. Ross does a great job communicating with staff and engaging staff with goal setting for the district. The board has received feedback that staff would like to have more involvement with feedback/decisions relating to professional development opportunities related to their subject-matters or school-focused circumstances as opposed to having blanket district wide, mandatory PD as the only options.</p> <p>There have been concerns expressed and observed that personnel matters may not always be consistent in the way they are handled, depending on the staff member handling them. In regards to internal hirings/promotions, there are concerns regarding impartiality despite the 2-tiered "committee" process. It would be recommended that preferences would not be discussed among HR, hiring selection committees, or administration prior to the first interview, especially when interviewing for administrative roles.</p> <p>It is very clear that Dr. Ross and his HR team have developed a robust recruiting process and they are all to be praised.</p>	



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D. Business & Finance

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
D1 Budget development and management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 2, 9	Budget knowledge is limited. The budget is developed and managed without taking into consideration current needs of the district.	Works to develop and manage the budget to meet the immediate fiscal issues. Decisions are primarily reactive to current needs of the district.	Budget actions are proactive and consider the most current information and data. A balance is sought to meet the needs of students and remain fiscally responsible to the community.	Budget actions are proactive and consider both current and long-range information and data. A balance is sought to meet the current and future needs of students and remain fiscally responsible to the community.	4
D2 Budget reports Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 2, 9	Doesn't report financial information to the board except with the annual audit.	Reports the status of financial accounts as requested by the board.	Reports to the board concerning the budget and financial status on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, etc., as agreed upon by governance team).	Has a system in place for the monitoring and reporting of all budgetary and financial information to the board. Information provided is adequate and timely, and outlines potential ramifications of any changes.	4
D3 Financial controls Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Annual audit has revealed areas that are in need of improvement. Financial accounts aren't in order.	Annual audit is used to reveal any discrepancies. Internal controls are inconsistent.	Is up-to-date with GAAP and state accounting procedures. Maintains internal controls.	Promotes appropriate financial controls, including third-party audits and reconciliation of accounts. Is proactive.	3
D4 Facility management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 5, 9	A facilities management plan is not created. Maintenance is only performed when absolutely needed.	Facilities needs are discussed internally, but a plan is not created. Issues are addressed on an as-needed basis.	A facilities management plan is in place that includes the current status of the buildings and the need to improve any facilities in the future.	Facilities management plan in place includes current status of buildings and the need to improve facilities in the future, with a projected plan to secure funding.	3
Overall Category rating:					14



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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:
<p>Dr. Ross and his CFO have done a fantastic job in staying abreast of budgetary needs, even as they continue to fluctuate. They have gone above and beyond to answer specific board member and community member questions as are evident in email correspondence and during board meetings. While improvement is always encouraged, they are both to be commended. Budget reports are always detailed during meetings each month.</p> <p>The administration has implemented several controls as a result of the special audit. They have also sought assistance to stay up to date with state accounting procedures and are transparent when they find issues that have occurred during their tenure.</p> <p>The facilities management may have the biggest struggles. It appears that the facility plans are constantly changing and we are hopeful this new study will alleviate some concerns as long as plans begin to be implemented. While some responsibility may have been with the board, the people responsible for ensuring the IRMO High and Chapin High projects are completed in a timely manner need to step up the focus on these projects as they were approved over 2 years ago, and they are only becoming more expensive.</p>	

E. Instructional Leadership



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		Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
E1	Performance evaluation system Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	No performance evaluation system is in place and/or not all evaluations have been completed as required.	Most performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law.	All required performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law. Individual Development Plans are provided to staff rated as less than effective.	Performance evaluation system has been established that is in compliance with state law, provides opportunities for growth to instructional staff, and is applied consistently across the district with consistent results.	4
E2	Building-Level Leadership Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 4, 6, 7	No effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction have not been identified.	Little effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction are vague or unclear.	Efforts are made to foster autonomy at all school buildings but may not be consistent or aligned to district objectives. Goals for learning and instruction are not prioritized.	Principals are provided defined autonomy consistently with accountability. Clear, non-negotiable goals for learning and instruction have been established that provide school leadership teams with the responsibility and authority for determining how to meet those goals.	3.5
E3	School Improvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	School improvement efforts are limited. There is no comprehensive plan in place.	School improvement plans are in place at the building level but lack district-wide coordination.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals. Systems are in place for implementation of improvement efforts and monitoring of progress.	3.5
E4	Professional knowledge Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 4, 6	Is uninvolved in current instructional programs. Is unaware of current instructional issues. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification and is not enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Is somewhat knowledgeable of current instructional programs. Relies on others for information/data. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification but is currently enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Demonstrates knowledge of current instructional programs, and is able to discuss them. Seeks to learn and improve upon personal and professional abilities. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	Demonstrates knowledge of and comfort explaining current instructional programs. Participates actively in professional groups and organizations for the benefit of the district and personal, professional growth. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	4
Overall Category rating:						15

Artifacts that may serve as evidence of performance:



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting agendas/minutes • Board packets • Board development materials • Memos/communications • Board policies/policy book • Retreat agendas/minutes • Board development plan • Communication protocols • Policy review calendar • Third party survey data • School accreditation survey data • Meeting invitations, agendas • Press releases • Community meeting agendas • News clips/interviews • Community engagement calendar • Strategic planning agenda(s) • Communications • Service club membership(s) • Third-party survey data • School accreditation survey data • Hiring process documentation • Personnel policies and procedures • Recruitment calendar • Staff leadership development plan • School visit calendar • Communications • Staff meeting agendas/minutes • Strategic plan • Auditor's report • District budget • Budget-related communications • Election results that impact funding or facilities • Evidence of budgetary alignment to district-wide goals • Grants received/applied for • Policies/procedures related to fund management • Long-term financial forecast data • Facilities maintenance plan • Facilities management plan • Staff evaluation calendar • District performance evaluation system • Superintendent professional growth plan • Curriculum • RtI/MTSS • Superintendent professional development • Teacher analysis of student achievement data • Curriculum audit • Strategic plan/district-wide goals • Staff development plan • Professional development calendar • Instructional model(s) • Curriculum team agendas • Instructional audit • Coaching documentation • Observational data from staff • Documentation of instructional rounds • Positive behavior supports/character programs 	
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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:

F. Determining the Professional Practice Rating



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Evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.

Superintendent Name: Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.

School year:
2022-2023

Item	Category Overall Rating		
A. Governance & Board Relations	<u>14.5</u> /16		
B. Community Relations	<u>13.5</u> /16		
C. Staff Relations	<u>13.5</u> /16		
D. Business & Finance	<u>14</u> /16		
E. Instructional Leadership	<u>15</u> /16		
Total Possible For Each Item (20)	<u>70.5</u> /80		



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Board Chair: _____
(Name)

Signature: _____

Overall Rating: _____

Date: _____

Superintendent Signature: _____

Date: _____



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A. Governance & Board Relations

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
A1 Policy Involvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Makes decisions without regard to adopted policy.	Provides correspondence from policy provider with recommendation(s) for adoption. Follows as written.	Is actively involved in the development, recommendation and administration of district policies.	Is proactive in the determination of district needs and policy priorities; has a system in place to ensure timely administration of district policies.	4
A2 Goal development Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 9, 10	Goals are not developed.	Goals are defined by implementing state curriculum and seeking to maximize student scores.	Facilitates the development of short-term goals for the district. Provides the necessary financial strategies to meet those goals.	Has a system in place for establishing, reporting on and monitoring goals. Budget practices help to ensure alignment of resources to goals.	3
A3 Information Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Does not provide the information the board needs to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps only some members informed, making it difficult for the board to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps all board members informed with appropriate information as needed so it may perform its responsibilities.	Has established mutually agreed upon protocols with the board regarding communication. Executes those protocols consistently.	4
A4 Board questions Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Board questions aren't answered fully nor in a timely manner.	Most board questions are answered. All members aren't apprised of all relevant questions/answers.	Board questions are addressed with follow-up to all board members.	Has a system in place for receiving and responding to board member questions in a timely and thorough manner.	4
Overall Category rating:					15

Comments by Board of Education:

Comments by the Superintendent:



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B. Community Relations

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
B1 Parent feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Doesn't accept input from or engage parents.	Accepts suggestions and input from parents but fails to seek it. Does not engage parents in decision-making or district-wide goal setting.	Readily accepts parent input and engages parents in district-wide goal setting and decision-making.	Actively seeks parental input, creates methods for parents to be actively involved in decision-making as well as setting and supporting district-wide goals.	4
B2 Communication with community Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Isn't readily available for parents, businesses, governmental and civic groups. Avoids direct communication unless absolutely necessary.	Is available for parents, businesses, governmental and civic groups, providing them with information, but doesn't seek their input. Is not proactive.	Actively seeks two-way communication with the community as appropriate.	Develops and ensures implementation of a community communication plan that fosters positive relations.	4
B3 Community feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Doesn't accept input or engage community.	Accepts suggestions and input from community but fails to seek it. Does not engage community in decision-making or district-wide goal setting.	Readily accepts community input and engages community in district-wide goal setting and decision-making.	Actively seeks community input, creates methods for community to be actively involved in decision-making as well as setting and supporting district-wide goals.	4
B4 Media relations Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Communicates with the media only when requested.	Isn't proactive, but is cooperative with the media when contacted.	Promotes positive relations and provides the media with district event information.	Initiates and establishes a system for actively engaging the media to promote the district and provide timely and effective information.	3
Overall Category rating:					15



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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:



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C. Staff Relations

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
C1 Staff feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 7	Doesn't accept input or engage teachers and staff in decision-making or goal setting.	Accepts suggestions and input from staff but does not seek it. Does not engage staff in district-wide goal setting or decision-making.	Readily accepts staff input and engages staff in district-wide goal setting and/or decision-making.	Actively seeks staff input and creates methods for staff to be actively involved in decision-making as well as developing and supporting district-wide goals.	4
C2 Staff communications Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Doesn't inform staff of matters that may be of concern.	Is inconsistent in keeping staff informed of important matters.	Consistently keeps staff informed of important matters.	Develops and ensures implementation of a staff communication plan that fosters positive relations and keeps staff informed of important matters.	4
C3 Personnel matters Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 9	Personnel matters are not handled in a consistent manner. Some situations may be handled with bias.	Many personnel matters are handled, but not always in a consistent manner.	Personnel matters are handled with consistency, fairness, discretion, and impartiality.	A system is in place for handling personnel matters that is proactive, consistent, fair, discrete, and impartial. Personnel procedures are regularly reviewed, communicated to staff, and updated as needed.	4
C4 Recruitment Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6	There is no formal or informal recruitment process and/or hiring is considered in an arbitrary manner.	An informal recruitment and hiring process is in place, but is not used consistently.	A formal recruitment and hiring process is followed for hiring opportunities.	A formal recruitment and hiring process is followed for each hiring opportunity. Actively recruits the best staff available and encourages their application to the district.	3
Overall Category rating:					15



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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:



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D. Business & Finance

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
D1 Budget development and management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 2, 9	Budget knowledge is limited. The budget is developed and managed without taking into consideration current needs of the district.	Works to develop and manage the budget to meet the immediate fiscal issues. Decisions are primarily reactive to current needs of the district.	Budget actions are proactive and consider the most current information and data. A balance is sought to meet the needs of students and remain fiscally responsible to the community.	Budget actions are proactive and consider both current and long-range information and data. A balance is sought to meet the current and future needs of students and remain fiscally responsible to the community.	4
D2 Budget reports Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 2, 9	Doesn't report financial information to the board except with the annual audit.	Reports the status of financial accounts as requested by the board.	Reports to the board concerning the budget and financial status on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, etc., as agreed upon by governance team).	Has a system in place for the monitoring and reporting of all budgetary and financial information to the board. Information provided is adequate and timely, and outlines potential ramifications of any changes.	4
D3 Financial controls Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Annual audit has revealed areas that are in need of improvement. Financial accounts aren't in order.	Annual audit is used to reveal any discrepancies. Internal controls are inconsistent.	Is up-to-date with GAAP and state accounting procedures. Maintains internal controls.	Promotes appropriate financial controls, including third-party audits and reconciliation of accounts. Is proactive.	4
D4 Facility management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 5, 9	A facilities management plan is not created. Maintenance is only performed when absolutely needed.	Facilities needs are discussed internally, but a plan is not created. Issues are addressed on an as-needed basis.	A facilities management plan is in place that includes the current status of the buildings and the need to improve any facilities in the future.	Facilities management plan in place includes current status of buildings and the need to improve facilities in the future, with a projected plan to secure funding.	4
Overall Category rating:					16



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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:



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E. Instructional Leadership

		Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
E1	Performance evaluation system Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	No performance evaluation system is in place and/or not all evaluations have been completed as required.	Most performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law.	All required performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law. Individual Development Plans are provided to staff rated as less than effective.	Performance evaluation system has been established that is in compliance with state law, provides opportunities for growth to instructional staff, and is applied consistently across the district with consistent results.	4
E2	Building-Level Leadership Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 4, 6, 7	No effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction have not been identified.	Little effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction are vague or unclear.	Efforts are made to foster autonomy at all school buildings but may not be consistent or aligned to district objectives. Goals for learning and instruction are not prioritized.	Principals are provided defined autonomy consistently with accountability. Clear, non-negotiable goals for learning and instruction have been established that provide school leadership teams with the responsibility and authority for determining how to meet those goals.	4
E3	School Improvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	School improvement efforts are limited. There is no comprehensive plan in place.	School improvement plans are in place at the building level but lack district-wide coordination.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals. Systems are in place for implementation of improvement efforts and monitoring of progress.	3
E4	Professional knowledge Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 4, 6	Is uninvolved in current instructional programs. Is unaware of current instructional issues. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification and is not enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Is somewhat knowledgeable of current instructional programs. Relies on others for information/data. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification but is currently enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Demonstrates knowledge of current instructional programs, and is able to discuss them. Seeks to learn and improve upon personal and professional abilities. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	Demonstrates knowledge of and comfort explaining current instructional programs. Participates actively in professional groups and organizations for the benefit of the district and personal, professional growth. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	4
Overall Category rating:						15



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Artifacts that may serve as evidence of performance:

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- Board development plan • Communication protocols • Policy review calendar
- Third party survey data • School accreditation survey data • Meeting invitations, agendas • Press releases • Community meeting agendas • News clips/interviews
- Community engagement calendar • Strategic planning agenda(s) • Communications • Service club membership(s)
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- Coaching documentation • Observational data from staff • Documentation of instructional rounds • Positive behavior supports/character programs

Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Demonstrates in-depth understanding of district operations and needs- Willing to think outside of the box for solutions- Keeps board informed timely- Effectively engages parents and stakeholders	



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F. Determining the Professional Practice Rating

Superintendent Name: Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.

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Item	Category Overall Rating		
A. Governance & Board Relations	<u>15</u> /16		
B. Community Relations	<u>15</u> /16		
C. Staff Relations	<u>15</u> /16		
D. Business & Finance	<u>16</u> /16		
E. Instructional Leadership	<u>15</u> /16		
Total Possible For Each Item (20)	<i>Total for this evaluator</i> <u>76/80</u>		



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A. Governance & Board Relations

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
A1 Policy involvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Makes decisions without regard to adopted policy.	Provides correspondence from policy provider with recommendation(s) for adoption. Follows as written.	Is actively involved in the development, recommendation and administration of district policies.	Is proactive in the determination of district needs and policy priorities; has a system in place to ensure timely administration of district policies.	3
A2 Goal development Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 9, 10	Goals are not developed.	Goals are defined by implementing state curriculum and seeking to maximize student scores.	Facilitates the development of short-term goals for the district. Provides the necessary financial strategies to meet those goals.	Has a system in place for establishing, reporting on and monitoring goals. Budget practices help to ensure alignment of resources to goals.	4
A3 Information Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Does not provide the information the board needs to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps only some members informed, making it difficult for the board to perform its responsibilities.	Keeps all board members informed with appropriate information as needed so it may perform its responsibilities.	Has established mutually agreed upon protocols with the board regarding communication. Executes those protocols consistently.	3
A4 Board questions Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Board questions aren't answered fully nor in a timely manner.	Most board questions are answered. All members aren't apprised of all relevant questions/answers.	Board questions are addressed with follow-up to all board members.	Has a system in place for receiving and responding to board member questions in a timely and thorough manner.	4
Overall Category rating:					



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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:



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B. Community Relations

	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
B1 Parent feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Doesn't accept input from or engage parents.	Accepts suggestions and input from parents but fails to seek it. Does not engage parents in decision-making or district-wide goal setting.	Readily accepts parent input and engages parents in district-wide goal setting and decision-making.	Actively seeks parental input, creates methods for parents to be actively involved in decision-making as well as setting and supporting district-wide goals.	3
B2 Communication with community Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Isn't readily available for parents, businesses, governmental and civic groups. Avoids direct communication unless absolutely necessary.	Is available for parents, businesses, governmental and civic groups, providing them with information, but doesn't seek their input. Is not proactive.	Actively seeks two-way communication with the community as appropriate.	Develops and ensures implementation of a community communication plan that fosters positive relations.	3
B3 Community feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Doesn't accept input or engage community.	Accepts suggestions and input from community but fails to seek it. Does not engage community in decision-making or district-wide goal setting.	Readily accepts community input and engages community in district-wide goal setting and decision-making.	Actively seeks community input, creates methods for community to be actively involved in decision-making as well as setting and supporting district-wide goals.	4
B4 Media relations Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 8	Communicates with the media only when requested.	Isn't proactive, but is cooperative with the media when contacted.	Promotes positive relations and provides the media with district event information.	Initiates and establishes a system for actively engaging the media to promote the district and provide timely and effective information.	3
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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:

C. Staff Relations



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	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
C1 Staff feedback Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 7	Doesn't accept input or engage teachers and staff in decision-making or goal setting.	Accepts suggestions and input from staff but does not seek it. Does not engage staff in district-wide goal setting or decision-making.	Readily accepts staff input and engages staff in district-wide goal setting and/or decision-making.	Actively seeks staff input and creates methods for staff to be actively involved in decision-making as well as developing and supporting district-wide goals.	4
C2 Staff communications Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 7, 9	Doesn't inform staff of matters that may be of concern.	Is inconsistent in keeping staff informed of important matters.	Consistently keeps staff informed of important matters.	Develops and ensures implementation of a staff communication plan that fosters positive relations and keeps staff informed of important matters.	3
C3 Personnel matters Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 9	Personnel matters are not handled in a consistent manner. Some situations may be handled with bias.	Many personnel matters are handled, but not always in a consistent manner.	Personnel matters are handled with consistency, fairness, discretion, and impartiality.	A system is in place for handling personnel matters that is proactive, consistent, fair, discrete, and impartial. Personnel procedures are regularly reviewed, communicated to staff, and updated as needed.	3
C4 Recruitment Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6	There is no formal or informal recruitment process and/or hiring is considered in an arbitrary manner.	An informal recruitment and hiring process is in place, but is not used consistently.	A formal recruitment and hiring process is followed for hiring opportunities.	A formal recruitment and hiring process is followed for each hiring opportunity. Actively recruits the best staff available and encourages their application to the district.	4
Overall Category rating:					



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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:

D. Business & Finance



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	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
D1 Budget development and management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 2, 9	Budget knowledge is limited. The budget is developed and managed without taking into consideration current needs of the district.	Works to develop and manage the budget to meet the immediate fiscal issues. Decisions are primarily reactive to current needs of the district.	Budget actions are proactive and consider the most current information and data. A balance is sought to meet the needs of students and remain fiscally responsible to the community.	Budget actions are proactive and consider both current and long-range information and data. A balance is sought to meet the current and future needs of students and remain fiscally responsible to the community.	3
D2 Budget reports Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 2, 9	Doesn't report financial information to the board except with the annual audit.	Reports the status of financial accounts as requested by the board.	Reports to the board concerning the budget and financial status on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, etc., as agreed upon by governance team).	Has a system in place for the monitoring and reporting of all budgetary and financial information to the board. Information provided is adequate and timely, and outlines potential ramifications of any changes.	3
D3 Financial controls Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 2, 9	Annual audit has revealed areas that are in need of improvement. Financial accounts aren't in order.	Annual audit is used to reveal any discrepancies. Internal controls are inconsistent.	Is up-to-date with GAAP and state accounting procedures. Maintains internal controls.	Promotes appropriate financial controls, including third-party audits and reconciliation of accounts. Is proactive.	4
D4 Facilities management Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 5, 9	A facilities management plan is not created. Maintenance is only performed when absolutely needed.	Facilities needs are discussed internally, but a plan is not created. Issues are addressed on an as-needed basis.	A facilities management plan is in place that includes the current status of the buildings and the need to improve any facilities in the future.	Facilities management plan in place includes current status of buildings and the need to improve facilities in the future, with a projected plan to secure funding.	4
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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:

E. Instructional Leadership



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	Ineffective (1 pt)	Minimally Effective (2 pt)	Effective (3 pt)	Highly Effective (4 pt)	Rating (1-4)
E1 Performance evaluation system Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	No performance evaluation system is in place and/or not all evaluations have been completed as required.	Most performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law.	All required performance evaluations are completed in a timely manner and are in compliance with state law. Individual Development Plans are provided to staff rated as less than effective.	Performance evaluation system has been established that is in compliance with state law, provides opportunities for growth to instructional staff, and is applied consistently across the district with consistent results.	3
E2 Building-Level Leadership Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 4, 6, 7	No effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction have not been identified.	Little effort is made to foster autonomy at school buildings. Expectations regarding learning and instruction are vague or unclear.	Efforts are made to foster autonomy at all school buildings but may not be consistent or aligned to district objectives. Goals for learning and instruction are not prioritized.	Principals are provided defined autonomy consistently with accountability. Clear, non-negotiable goals for learning and instruction have been established that provide school leadership teams with the responsibility and authority for determining how to meet those goals.	4
E3 School Improvement Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 6, 9, 10	School improvement efforts are limited. There is no comprehensive plan in place.	School improvement plans are in place at the building level but lack district-wide coordination.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals.	School improvement plans are in place at all buildings and align to the district-wide goals. Systems are in place for implementation of improvement efforts and monitoring of progress.	3
E4 Professional knowledge Professional Standards for Educational Leaders: 1, 4, 6	Is uninvolved in current instructional programs. Is unaware of current instructional issues. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification and is not enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Is somewhat knowledgeable of current instructional programs. Relies on others for information/data. Does not hold appropriate superintendent certification but is currently enrolled in appropriate certification program.	Demonstrates knowledge of current instructional programs, and is able to discuss them. Seeks to learn and improve upon personal and professional abilities. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	Demonstrates knowledge of and comfort explaining current instructional programs. Participates actively in professional groups and organizations for the benefit of the district and personal, professional growth. Holds and maintains appropriate superintendent certification.	3
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Artifacts that may serve as evidence of performance:



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting agendas/minutes • Board packets • Board development materials • Memos/communications • Board policies/policy book • Retreat agendas/minutes• Board development plan • Communication protocols • Policy review calendar• Third party survey data • School accreditation survey data • Meeting invitations, agendas • Press releases • Community meeting agendas • News clips/interviews• Community engagement calendar • Strategic planning agenda(s) • Communications • Service club memberships)• Third-party survey data • School accreditation survey data • Hiring process documentation • Personnel policies and procedures • Recruitment calendar• Staff leadership development plan • School visit calendar • Communications • Staff meeting agendas/minutes• Strategic plan • Auditor's report • District budget • Budget-related communications • Election results that impact funding or facilities• Evidence of budgetary alignment to district-wide goals • Grants received/applied for • Policies/procedures related to fund management • Long-term financial forecast data• Facilities maintenance plan • Facilities management plan• Staff evaluation calendar • District performance evaluation system • Superintendent professional growth plan • Curriculum • RtI/MTSS• Superintendent professional development • Teacher analysis of student achievement data • Curriculum audit • Strategic plan/district-wide goals• Staff development plan • Professional development calendar • Instructional model(s) • Curriculum team agendas • Instructional audit• Coaching documentation • Observational data from staff • Documentation of instructional rounds • Positive behavior supports/character programs	
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Comments by Board of Education:	Comments by the Superintendent:

F. Determining the Professional Practice Rating



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