

*Monitoring Response Document*

Policy Monitored: EL-7, Budget Planning and Execution

Date Report Submitted: 12/12/2024

Date of Board's Monitoring Response: 1/16/2025

The Board has received and reviewed the Superintendent's Monitoring Report referenced above. Following the Board's review and discussions with the Superintendent and his representatives, the Board makes the following conclusions:

| <b>Ends Reports:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Executive Limitations Reports</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Board finds that the Superintendent:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. has achieved the goals established in the policy or is making reasonable progress towards achieving the goals.</li><li>b. is making reasonable progress towards achieving the goals, but a greater degree of progress is expected for <b>policy</b> items noted.*</li><li>c. is <b>not</b> making reasonable progress in achieving the goals established. *</li><li>d. cannot be determined*</li></ol></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Board finds that the Superintendent:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>is in compliance, with the acknowledgement that there is always more work to be done.</b></li><li>b. is making reasonable progress towards compliance, except for item(s) noted.*</li><li>c. is <b>not</b> making reasonable progress toward compliance.*</li><li>d. cannot be determined*</li></ol></li></ol> |
| <i>*see comments below (No. 3)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

2. Please note commendable progress over the last year.

The Superintendent continues to demonstrate strong financial management through budget planning, development and allocation. The district's increased use of grant funding is impressive and has supported critical areas across the district. Strong community partnerships and a transparent budget planning process ensure alignment with *The Bellingham Promise* and best financial practices. The district has a history of clean state audits, multiple awards for budget reporting and a record-high level of grant funding in 2023-24.

3. Please note areas for additional improvement.

None.

4. Comments on the report itself.

The board appreciates the thoroughness and ease of reading this report.

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5. Possible changes to the policy.

None.