

**Policy Type: Board/Superintendent Relationship**

**Unity of Control**

Only decisions of the Board acting as an entity are binding on the Superintendent.

Accordingly:

1. Decisions or instructions of individual Board members, officers or committees are not binding on the Superintendent except in rare instances when the Board has specifically delegated such exercise of authority.
2. In the case of Board members or committees requesting information or assistance without Board authorization, the Superintendent may refuse such requests that, in the Superintendent's opinion, require a material amount of staff time or resources or that are disruptive or unreasonable.
3. The Superintendent will inform the Board President if, in the Superintendent's opinion, the Board or individual members are not in compliance with the Board's policies on *Governance Process* and *Board-Superintendent Relations*. If the President is the member who the Superintendent feels is not acting in compliance with policy, the Superintendent will inform the Board Vice President. The violation will be addressed according to GP-12.

**Monitoring Method:** *Board self-assessment*  
**Monitoring Frequency:** *Annually in Third Quarter*

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