Board of Trustees' Governance Policy

OPERATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

OE-7E: Communication With and Support for the Board

Reasonable Interpretation and Indicators

Monitoring Method: Board Self-assessment

Monitoring Frequency: Annually

The Board of Trustees believes that it can effectively do its job when the Board is supported in its work and is fully and adequately informed about matters relating to Board work and significant organizational concern.

Interpretation |

The sharing of information pertaining to the operation of the organization by the Chief Superintendent with the Board of Trustees is important and enables the Board to function by building understanding that informs decision making.

The Chief Superintendent shall:

7.1 Submit required monitoring data (see policy *B/CSR-5*: *Monitoring Chief Superintendent Performance*) in a thorough, accurate and understandable fashion, according to the Board's annual work plan schedule, and including both Chief Superintendent interpretations and relevant data to substantiate compliance or reasonable progress.

Interpretation |

Regular review of the performance of the organization relative to specific indices supports ongoing growth and improvement.

The Chief Superintendent interprets:

- required monitoring data to mean annual reports about Results and Operational Expectations;
- thorough to mean sufficient but not exhaustive
- accurate to mean correct to the best of administration's knowledge when it is communicated;
- understandable to mean the information enables the Board to easily explain the information to a typical parent of a CBE student; and

 Board's annual work plan schedule to mean the outcome of policy Governance Culture 6: Annual Work Plan.

Results reports will contain the following elements: a Board-approved reasonable interpretation, baseline and Board approved targets, and evidence of reasonable progress. Operational Expectation reports will contain the following elements: a Board-approved reasonable interpretation and evidence of compliance.

Indicators |

- 1. 100 per cent of annual monitoring reports will be presented in accordance with the Board's annual work plan schedule.
- 2. 100 per cent of annual monitoring reports will contain sufficient information for the Board to make a determination about compliance, non-compliance, reasonable progress, lack of reasonable progress and exceptions.
- 7.2 Provide for the Board in a timely manner information about trends, facts, accommodation planning or significant modifications of any instructional programs, anticipated significant media coverage and other information relevant to the Board's work.

Interpretation |

Information regarding the operation of the organization that is shared at an appropriate time can be utilized in authentic and meaningful ways.

The Chief Superintendent interprets:

- *timely* to mean promptly once administration becomes aware of and has validated information;
- trends to mean how internal and external data or factors move over time;
- facts and other information to mean qualitative and quantitative data;
- accommodation planning to mean the strategic process utilized to identify issues and responses related to providing learning spaces for CBE students;



- *significant modifications of any instructional program* to mean the removal, cancellation, introduction or extension of:
 - any prescribed programs of study in the regular education program or in alternative or special education programs that would materially impact the Board's work; and
 - o any entire alternative or special education program;
- anticipated significant media coverage to mean expectation of material enquires or events related to the organization that would be reported or commented on by professional journalists and their print, broadcast and online outlets; and
- relevant to the Board's work to mean matters pertaining to governance as described in the governance policies.

Indicators |

- 1. 100 per cent of information about trends, facts and other information will be provided in a timely manner.
- 2. A minimum of once per month, a written update report from the Chief Superintendent will be presented at a Board of Trustee meeting.
- 3. Once per month or as required by the Board of Trustees' meeting agendas, administration will support the Results focus at Board of Trustees public meetings.
- 4. 100 per cent of reportable instructional program changes will be provided to the Board of Trustees.
- 5. A Three Year System Student Accommodation Plan will be provided annually to the Board of Trustees.
- 7.3 Inform the Board, the Board Chair or individual members if, in the Chief Superintendent's opinion, the Board or individual members have encroached into areas of responsibility assigned to the Chief Superintendent or if the Board or its members are non-compliant with any Governance Culture or Board/Chief Superintendent Relationship policies.



Interpretation |

Through the Governance model, the Board of Trustees has identified specific responsibilities that have been delegated to the Chief Superintendent. It is the responsibility of the Chief Superintendent to communicate with the Board when actions by Board members indicate variance from the model and encroach on these responsibilities.

The Chief Superintendent interprets:

- inform to mean that the Chief Superintendent may exercise judgment to bring specific information to the attention of individual Trustees or the Board as a whole;
- opinion to mean judgment or assessment based on observation and experience;
- encroached into areas of responsibility assigned to the Chief Superintendent to mean that the Board or a Trustee has stepped into an operational area delegated by the Board of Trustees through its policies to the Chief Superintendent; and
- Board or its members are non-compliant to mean the Board or a trustee has violated the policies established by the Board of Trustees.

Indicators |

- 1. 100 per cent of reportable events will be addressed in an appropriate venue.
- 7.4 Inform the Board in a timely manner of any actual or anticipated noncompliance with any Board Operational Expectations policy or any anticipated failure to achieve reasonable progress toward any Results policy.

Interpretation |

It is the responsibility of the Chief Superintendent to communicate any foreseeable areas where organizational or student performance as measured by monitoring does not meet expectations.

The Chief Superintendent interprets:

- *timely* to mean promptly once administration becomes aware of and has validated information;
- actual to mean certain to occur or already occurred; and



anticipated to mean expected to occur.

Indicators |

- 100 percent of instances of actual (already occurred) exceptions to compliance or reasonable progress will be indicated in the annual monitoring reports for Operational Expectations and Results policies.
- 2. 100 percent of instances of actual (certain to occur) or anticipated non-compliance or lack of reasonable progress for an entire policy will be presented to the Board of Trustees in a timely manner.

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