

## **ROLE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Superintendent is the Chief Executive Officer of the Board and the Chief Education Officer of the Division. The Superintendent reports directly to the corporate Board, and is accountable to the Board of Trustees for the conduct and operation of the Division. All Board authority delegated to the staff of the Division is delegated through the Superintendent.

Specific Areas of Responsibility:

1. Building Effective Relationship

The superintendent establishes a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment by building positive and productive relationships with members of the school community and the local community.

Achievement of this competency is demonstrated by indicators such as:

- (a) collaborating with community and provincial agencies to address the needs of students and their families;
- (b) employing team-building strategies and using solution-focused processes to resolve challenges;
- (c) building and sustaining relationships with First Nations, Métis and Inuit parents/guardians, Elders, local leaders and community members;
- (d) modeling ethical leadership practices, based on integrity and objectivity;
- (e) establishing constructive relationships with students, staff, school councils, parents/guardians, employee organizations, the education ministry and other stakeholder organizations; and
- (f) facilitating the meaningful participation of members of the school community and local community in decision-making.

2. Modeling Commitment to Professional Learning

The superintendent engages in career-long professional learning and ongoing critical reflection, identifying and acting on research-informed opportunities for enhancing leadership, teaching, and learning. Achievement of this competency is demonstrated by indicators such as:

- (a) communicating a philosophy of education that is student-centered and based on sound principles of effective teaching and leadership;
- (b) collaborating with teachers, principals, school jurisdiction leaders and other superintendents to build professional capacities and expertise;
- (c) actively seeking out feedback and information from a variety of sources to enhance leadership practice;
- (d) seeking and critically-reviewing educational research and applying it to decisions and practices, as appropriate;
- (e) providing leadership to support school authority research initiatives, where appropriate; and
- (f) engaging teachers, principals, school jurisdiction leaders, school community and local community members to establish a shared understanding of current trends and priorities in the education system.

### 3. Visionary Leadership

The superintendent engages with the school community in implementing Livingstone Range's vision of a preferred future for student success, based on common values and beliefs. Achievement of this competency is demonstrated by indicators such as:

- (a) ensuring that the vision is informed by research on effective learning, teaching and leadership;
- (b) promoting innovation and continuous improvement by building structures and developing strategies to support staff in professional collaboration;
- (c) promoting in the school community a common understanding of and support for the school authority's goals, priorities, and strategic initiatives; and
- (d) ensuring that the vision expressed in the school authority's education plan is responsive to the ongoing review of the school authority's achievements, meets all requirements identified in provincial legislation, and incorporates the school community's perspectives.

### 4. Leading Learning

The superintendent establishes and sustains a learning culture in the school community that promotes ongoing critical reflection on practice, shared responsibility for student success and continuous improvement. Achievement of this competency is demonstrated by indicators such as:

- (a) fostering in the school community equality and respect with regard to rights as provided for in the Alberta Human Rights Act and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
- (b) providing learning opportunities, based on research informed principles of effective teaching, learning and leadership, to support building the capacity of all members of the school community to fulfill their educational roles;
- (c) ensuring that all instruction in the school authority addresses learning outcomes outlined in programs of study;
- (d) promoting collegial relations, collaboration, critical thinking and innovation in the school community;
- (e) ensuring that staff have access to resources, programs and expertise to support them in meeting their professional responsibilities and in addressing the learning needs of all students;
- (f) building principals' and school jurisdiction leaders' capacities and holding them accountable for providing instructional leadership through effective support, supervision and evaluation practices; and
- (g) ensuring school authority student assessment and evaluation procedures are fair, appropriate, evidence-informed and used to enhance learning, teaching and leadership

### 5. Ensuring First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education for All Students

The superintendent establishes the structures and provides the resources necessary for the school community to acquire and apply foundational knowledge about First Nations, Métis and Inuit for the benefit of all students. Achievement of this competency is demonstrated by indicators such as:

- (a) supporting staff in accessing the professional learning and capacity-building needed to meet the learning needs of First Nations, Métis, Inuit and all other students;

- (b) engaging and collaborating with neighboring First Nations and Métis leaders, organizations and communities to optimize learning success and development of First Nations, Métis, Inuit and all other students;
- (c) understanding historical, social, economic, and political implications of:
  - treaties and agreements with First Nations;
  - legislation and agreements negotiated with Métis; and
  - residential schools and their legacy;
- (d) aligning school authority resources and building organizational capacity to support First Nations, Métis and Inuit student achievement; and
- (e) pursuing opportunities and engaging in practices to facilitate reconciliation within the school community.

## 6. School Authority Operations and Resources

The superintendent directs school authority operations and strategically allocates resources in the interests of all students and in alignment with the school authority's goals and priorities. Achievement of this competency is demonstrated by indicators such as:

- (a) providing direction on fiscal and resource management in accordance with all statutory, regulatory and school authority requirements;
- (b) ensuring effective alignment of the school authority's human resources to achieve the school authority's education plan;
- (c) delegating responsibility to staff, where appropriate, to enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness;
- (d) providing for the support, ongoing supervision and evaluation of all staff members in relation to their respective professional responsibilities;
- (e) establishing data-informed strategic planning and decision-making processes that are responsive to changing contexts;
- (f) respecting cultural diversity and appreciating differing perspectives expressed in the school community;
- (g) recognizing student and staff accomplishments; and
- (h) implementing programs and procedures for the effective management of human resources in support of mentorship, capacity-building and succession planning

## 7. Supporting Effective Governance

The superintendent of schools as referred to in the Education Act, as chief executive officer of the board and chief education officer of the school authority, provides the board with information, advice and support required for the fulfillment of its governance role, and reports to the Minister on all matters required of the superintendent as identified in the Education Act and other provincial legislation.

Achievement of this competency is demonstrated by indicators such as:

- (a) establishing and sustaining a productive working relationship with the board, based on mutual trust, respect and integrity;
- (b) ensuring that all students and staff are provided with a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging;

- (c) ensuring that all students in the school authority have the opportunity to meet the standards of education set by the Minister of Education;
- (d) ensuring that the board's plans, resource allocations, strategies and procedures lead to the achievement of its goals and priorities;
- (e) ensuring that the board's fiscal and resource management is in accordance with all statutory, regulatory and board requirements
- (f) supporting the board in the fulfillment of its governance functions in the fiduciary, strategic and generative realms;
- (g) implementing board policies and supporting the regular review and evaluation of their impact;
- (h) ensuring the support, ongoing supervision and evaluation of all staff members in relation to their respective professional responsibilities;
- (i) facilitating collaboration among the board, staff and First Nations, Métis and Inuit leaders, organizations and communities to establish strategic policy directions in support of First Nations, Métis and Inuit student achievement and development
- (j) building the capacity of the board and staff to predict, communicate and respond to emergent circumstances, including emergency readiness and crisis management, and to political, social, economic, legal and cultural contexts and trends;
- (k) supporting the board in its engagement with the school community to develop a vision of a preferred future for student success;
- (l) facilitating ongoing public communication about the board's operations and the achievement of its goals and priorities; and
- (m) promoting constructive relations between the board and staff, as well as provincial authorities, elected officials, post-secondary institutions and education stakeholder organizations.

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## Appendix A: Superintendent / CEO Evaluation Process

### Background

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Livingstone Range School Division will contract an outside provider to assist the board and the superintendent in developing the process, criteria and timelines for a comprehensive Superintendent/CEO evaluation as required in Form 4 and 5 of the Superintendent of Schools Regulation 98/2019 .

The board and the superintendent agree to the following:

- At least once each school year the board shall evaluate the performance of the superintendent. The evaluation shall be related to the responsibilities and duties assigned to the superintendent by the board.
- As per Board Policy 13, the board has adopted the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standards (SLQS) as the mutually agreed upon evaluation format.

#### SLQS

- The board shall report its evaluation of the superintendent in writing. In the event that the board determines that the performance of the superintendent is unsatisfactory in any respect, it shall describe the details in writing. The evaluation shall include recommendations as to areas of improvement in all instances where the board deems the superintendent's performance to be unsatisfactory.
- The superintendent shall have the right to make a written response to the evaluation. The board's evaluation and the superintendent's response shall become a permanent attachment to the superintendent's personnel file.

The evaluation process, criteria and timelines agreed to at this time:

1. Provides for both accountability and growth, and the strengthening of the relationship between the board and the superintendent. The written report will affirm specific accomplishments and will identify growth areas.
2. Complies with Form 4 and Form 5 of the Superintendent of Schools Regulation. These forms require that the contract between the board and the superintendent includes performance evaluation of the superintendent's performance.
3. Highlights the key role of the superintendent as the Chief Education Officer for the Division to enhance student achievement and success for all children.
4. Recognizes that the superintendent is the Chief Executive Officer. The superintendent is held accountable for work performed primarily by other senior administrators, e.g. fiscal management.
5. Emphasizes the need for and requires the use of evidence for evaluation purposes. Evaluations are most helpful when the evaluator provides concrete evidence of strengths and/or weaknesses. The quality indicators describe expectations in regard to that evidence.

6. Is aligned with and based upon the superintendent's roles and responsibilities.
7. Includes reporting on growth and improvement towards the board's strategic plan (Education plan & AERR).
8. Aligns performance to the SLQS along with suggested indicators.
9. Is a performance-based assessment system focusing on improvement over time in addressing identified growth areas.
10. Uses multiple data sources.
11. Ensures board feedback is provided regularly. Such feedback will be timely, supported by specific examples, and will focus on areas over which the superintendent has authority.

## **Timelines for Evaluations**

Annual evaluations will be conducted in accordance with this document by November 30 of the subsequent school year or as mutually agreed. A final report will be provided in writing to the Superintendent within 30 days of the evaluation.

Section 223 of the Education Act requires a minimum renewal notification period of no less than six months. The Board must submit a notice of intent no later than December 31; this must be done through board motion.

### **A. Criteria for Evaluations**

The criteria for the evaluation will be those as set out in Policy 13. An external consultant may collect data relative to leadership practices by interviewing some principals and “direct reports”. “Direct Reports” are defined to be those individuals who report directly to the superintendent on the Division’s organizational chart.

*Appendix B* is the *Performance Assessment Guide*, which is intended to clarify for the superintendent performance expectations that are held by the corporate board. This guide is also intended to be used by the board to evaluate the performance of the superintendent in regard to the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standards . The board will review the indicated evidence and will determine whether, or to what extent, the quality indicators have been achieved.

### **B. Sample Performance Evaluation Segment**

To illustrate how the *Performance Assessment Guide* would facilitate the writing of the final report, the following might be a section of the written report relative to Fiscal Accountability:

#### **b. SLQS Competency – School Authority Operations and Resources**

*A superintendent directs school authority operations and strategically allocates resources in the interests of all students and in alignment with the school authority’s goals and priorities. Based on evidence provided, the board commends the superintendent for ensuring that:*

- *direction is provided on fiscal and resource management in accordance with all statutory, regulatory and school authority requirements,*
- *data-informed strategic planning and decision-making processes are established and are responsive to changing contexts,*
- *cultural diversity and appreciating differing perspectives are expressed in the school community,*
- *programs and procedures are implemented for the effective management of human resources in support of mentorship, capacity-building and succession planning,*
- *student and staff accomplishments are recognized.*

## Appendix B: Role Expectation

### Building Effective Relationships

#### *Responsibility*

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## Appendix C: Considerations for Potential Interview Questions

### Perceptions of Principals and Superintendent “Direct Reports”

- 1) What evidence can you cite to support or refute the following:
  - a) The Superintendent provides clear expectations and direction?
  - b) The Superintendent provides effective educational leadership?
  - c) The Superintendent establishes and maintains positive, professional working relationships with staff?
  - d) The Superintendent unites people toward common goals?
  - e) The Superintendent demonstrates a high commitment to the needs of students?
  - f) The Superintendent develops processes that are aligned with priorities and results?
  - g) The Superintendent has a well-established value system based on integrity?
  - h) The Superintendent empowers others?
  - i) The Superintendent effectively solves problems?
  - j) The Superintendent is responsive to emergent needs of schools?
- 2) What does the Superintendent do, if anything, that helps you do your job?
- 3) What does the Superintendent do, if anything, that makes doing your job more difficult?

## Appendix D: Glossary

[Form 4 - Appointment of the Superintendent](#)

[Form 5 - Reappointment of the Superintendent](#)

Reference Superintendent Leadership Quality Standards - [SLQS](#)

School Authority:

“school authority” means a public school board, separate school board, Francophone Regional Authority or charter school operator;

School Jurisdiction:

“school jurisdiction leader” means a central office staff member in a school authority, other than the superintendent or chief deputy superintendent, required by their leadership position to hold an Alberta teaching certificate;