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ADMINISTRATION GOALS

The District's administrative organization is designed so that all divisions and departments of the central office and all schools are part of a single system guided by Board policies implemented through the Superintendent. The Board is responsible for specifying its requirements and expectations of the Superintendent and for holding the Superintendent accountable by evaluating how well those requirements and expectations have been met. In turn, the Superintendent is responsible for clearly specifying the Board's requirements and expectations for all other administrators and for holding each accountable by evaluating how well requirements and expectations are met.

Major goals of administration in the District are to:

1. manage the District's various departments and programs effectively;
2. provide professional advice and counsel to the Board and to advisory groups established by Board actions, generally through reviewing alternatives, analyzing the advantages and disadvantages of each and recommending a selection from among the alternatives;
3. implement the management function so as to ensure the best and most effective learning programs through achieving such other goals as to:
 - A. provide leadership in keeping abreast of current education developments;
 - B. arrange for the staff development necessary to the establishment and operation of learning programs which better meet student needs;
 - C. coordinate cooperative efforts for the improvement of learning programs, facilities, equipment and materials and
 - D. provide access to the decision-making process for the ideas of staff, students, parents and others;
4. develop an effective program of evaluation which includes every position, program and facility in the District and
5. develop and use a team management approach.

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CROSS REFS.: AF, Commitment to Accomplishment
CD, Management Team
GCL, Administrative/Instructional Staff Development Opportunities
GDL, Support Staff Development Opportunities

QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Title: Superintendent

Department: Administration

Building/Facility: Central Office

Reports to: Board of Education

Employment Status: Regular/Full-time

FLSA Status: Exempt

General Description: Serve as District's chief executive officer; administer, supervise, direct and evaluate District's educational system

Essential Functions:

1. ensure safety of students
2. perform personnel-related functions, e.g., make recommendations for appointment, promotion, demotion, discharge, assignment and transfer, communicate personnel matters to employees, evaluate staff, provide in-service education to staff and maintain personnel files on current employees
3. direct staff negotiations
4. file state and local required reports
5. assist in preparation of annual budget and appropriations resolution for Board to consider
6. act as District's purchasing agent
7. establish and maintain public relations program to inform public of District's activities and needs
8. recommend courses of study, curriculum guides and changes in texts and time schedules to Board
9. supervise teaching, supervision and administration methods
10. propose new policies to Board
11. continually evaluate District's progress and needs
12. conduct regular District administrative hearings
13. prepare annual school calendar for Board adoption
14. delegate duties to other staff members
15. prescribe rules for classification and advancement of students
16. make Board recommendations about student transportation in accordance with law and safety requirements
17. recommend location and size of new school sites and additions to existing sites
18. represent Board as liaison between District and community

19. inform Board about educational system as well as local, state and national issues affecting education
20. prepare and distribute agenda to Board members prior to each regular meeting
21. take immediate action in cases of calamity, acts of nature or other emergencies

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22. maintain respect at all times for confidential information, e.g., employee discipline/dismissals/contract issues, negotiations, Board executive sessions, etc.
23. make contacts with public with tact and diplomacy
24. interact in positive manner with staff, students and parents
25. attend meetings and in-services as required

Other Duties and Responsibilities:

1. act as liaison between employees and Board
2. attend local, state and national conferences
3. approve vacation schedules for salaried District employees
4. supervise the purchase and distribution of textbooks, workbooks and other educational materials
5. serve as role model for students in how to conduct themselves as citizens and as responsible, intelligent human beings
6. instill in students belief in and practice of ethical principles and democratic values
7. respond to routine questions and requests in appropriate manner
8. perform other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

1. valid superintendent's certificate issued by state of Ohio
2. master's degree with major in educational administration, preferably with completion of one year of graduate work beyond master's degree
3. experience in teaching and administration totaling at least five years
4. valid driver's license
5. alternatives to above qualifications as Board may find appropriate

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

1. communicate ideas and directives clearly and effectively both orally and in writing
2. effective, active listening skills
3. work effectively with others
4. organizational and problem-solving skills
5. organize and compile data for various state and federal reports
6. extensive knowledge of school finance
7. recommend additions and/or changes to curriculum appropriate to students' needs
8. handle multitude of tasks simultaneously and in timely manner
9. handle constant pressure and substantial amounts of stress
10. supervise variety of jobs and positions
11. strong visionary and leadership skills
12. confidence to make decisions based on the best interest of students

Equipment Operated:

- 1. computer/printer
- 2. calculator
- 3. copy machine
- 4. fax machine
- 5. telephone

Additional Working Conditions:

- 1. frequent travel
- 2. frequent evening and/or weekend work
- 3. requirement to lift, carry, push and pull various items
- 4. repetitive hand motion, e.g., computer keyboard, calculator, typewriter
- 5. occasional exposure to blood, bodily fluids and tissue
- 6. occasional interaction among unruly children
- 7. regular requirement to sit, stand, walk, talk, hear, see, read, speak, reach, stretch with hands and arms, crouch, climb, kneel and stoop

NOTE: The above lists are not ranked in order of importance.

This job description is subject to change and in no manner states or implies that these are the only duties and responsibilities to be performed by the incumbent. The incumbent will be required to follow the instructions and perform the duties required by the incumbent's supervisor/appointing authority.

Board President

Date

My signature below signifies that I have reviewed the contents of my job description and that I am aware of the requirements of my position.

Signature

Date

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LEGAL REF.: ORC 3319.01

CROSS REFS.: CBAA, Incapacity of the Superintendent
CBG, Evaluation of the Superintendent (Also AFB)
CCA, Organizational Chart
CCB, Staff Relations and Lines of Authority

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INCAPACITY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

As the executive officer of the District, the Superintendent has a major responsibility in managing the operation of the schools.

Should the Superintendent become incapacitated, the Board appoints a superintendent pro tempore who shall meet the certificate requirement as established by law. The appointment is made by a majority vote of the Board and only after the conditions relating to incapacity are met in accordance with State law and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

The Superintendent Pro Tempore performs all the duties and functions of the Superintendent and may be removed at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Board or upon return to full-time active service of the Superintendent.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3319.01; 3319.011; 3319.13; 3319.16
Family and Medical Leave Act

CROSS REFS.: CBA, Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent
GBR, Family and Medical Leave

INCAPACITY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A superintendent pro tempore is appointed by a majority of the members of the Board upon determining that the Superintendent is incapacitated in such a manner that he/she is unable to perform the duties of that office. Such incapacity is determined:

1. by request of the Superintendent, if the Superintendent is absent with pay for reasons of personal illness, injury or exposure to contagious disease which could be communicated to others;
2. upon certification of the attending physician that the Superintendent is unable to perform the duties of the office of Superintendent;
3. upon the determination of a referee that the Superintendent is unable to perform the duties of the office of Superintendent;
4. upon the granting of a leave of absence without pay requested by the Superintendent for reasons of illness, injury or other disability or
5. upon the placing of the Superintendent upon an unrequested leave of absence without pay for reasons of illness or other disability.

During the period of incapacity, the Superintendent may:

1. at his/her request, be placed on sick leave, with pay, not to exceed the extent of his/her accumulated, but unused, sick leave and any advancement of such sick leave which may be authorized by Board policy;
2. at his/her request, or without such request, pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, be placed on unpaid FMLA leave for up to 12 weeks per year and
3. at his/her request, or without his/her request, the Superintendent may be placed on a leave of absence without pay.

The leave provided during the period of incapacity (described above) will not extend beyond the contract or term of office.

The Superintendent may, upon request to the Board, be returned to active-duty status, unless the Board denies the request within 10 days of receipt of the request. The Board may require the Superintendent to establish to its satisfaction that he/she is capable of resuming such duties and that the duties be resumed on a full-time basis.

The Board may demand that the Superintendent return to active service; upon the determination that he/she is able to resume his/her duties, the Superintendent will return to active service.

The Superintendent may request a hearing before the Board on any action taken under this policy and has the same rights as are granted under State law.

The Board fixes the compensation of the Superintendent Pro Tempore in accordance with State law. He/She serves until the Superintendent's incapacity is removed or until the expiration of the Superintendent's contract or term of office, whichever is earlier.

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RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Board vests the primary responsibility for the administration of this District in the Superintendent. The appointment of that officer is, therefore, one of the most important functions the Board can perform.

Whenever the position of the Superintendent shall be vacant, the Board shall appoint a Superintendent as chief executive officer prior to June 30 and fix his/her salary and term of office which shall be no more than five years.

The Board shall actively seek the best qualified and most capable candidate for the position of Superintendent. It may be aided in this task by the services of professional consultants.

Recruitment procedures are prepared in advance of the search and include the following:

1. the preparation of a written job specification for the position of Superintendent;
2. preparation of written specifications of qualification (in addition to proper state certification);
 - A. The Superintendent shall be a citizen of the United States and possess, or be entitled to, a certificate as provided in the Ohio Revised Code.
 - B. He/She shall have a master's degree or the equivalent, from an accredited university with a major in educational administration and/or supervision.
 - C. He/She shall have had at least five years of experience in teaching, supervision and/or administration of public schools.
 - D. He/She shall have established himself/herself as an educational leader in the profession.
3. preparation of informative material describing the District and its educational goals;
4. where feasible, the opportunity for applicants to visit the school(s) of the District;
5. the requirement that each serious candidate for the position be interviewed by Board members in a format that encourages his/her educational philosophy;
6. solicitation of applications from a wide geographical area and
7. consideration of all applicants fairly without discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, ethnic background or other condition unrelated to the position of Superintendent.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

The appointment of the Superintendent is secured through a written agreement stating the terms of the contract. The contract meets all State requirements and protects the rights of both the Board and the Superintendent.

The Superintendent is appointed for a term not to exceed five years. The term commences on August 1 and continues through July 31 of the year in which the contract expires. The period of time in which a Superintendent's contract may be renewed begins on January 1 of the year prior to the contract's expiration and ends on March 1 of the year in which the contract expires.

Salary and benefits are determined by the Board at the time of the appointment and are reviewed by the Board each year.

If at any time, in the opinion of the majority of Board members, the Superintendent's services are considered unsatisfactory, he/she may be notified and may be given an opportunity to correct the deficiencies. Nothing in this policy shall prevent the Board from making the final determination regarding the renewal or nonrenewal of the Superintendent's contract.

If the Board intends to nonrenew the Superintendent's contract, notice in writing of the intended nonrenewal must be given to the Superintendent on or before March 1 of the year in which the contract expires.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3319.01; 3319.16; 3319.225; 3319.27

CROSS REFS.: CBA, Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent
CBAA, Incapacity of the Superintendent
CBG, Evaluation of the Superintendent (Also AFB)
CBI, Board-Superintendent Relationship (Also BCD)

EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Board evaluates the performance of the Superintendent in order to assist both the Board and the Superintendent in the proper discharge of their responsibilities and to enable the Board to provide the District with the best possible leadership.

Through evaluation of the Superintendent, the Board strives to:

1. clarify the role of the Superintendent as seen by the Board;
2. develop harmonious working relationships between the Board and Superintendent;
3. provide administrative leadership for the District and
4. identify strengths and weaknesses of the Superintendent's performance.

Criteria for the evaluation of the Superintendent are based upon the Superintendent's job description and relate directly to each of the tasks described. The job description and any revisions thereto are developed in consultation with the Superintendent and adopted by the Board.

The Board and the Superintendent, jointly, shall, at the outset of each evaluation, determine the method by which the evaluation shall be conducted. Such method may include the

1. Superintendent's own self-analysis;
2. Superintendent's assessment of Board efficiency and effectiveness and
3. consideration of objective data regarding:
 - A. student welfare;
 - B. student test scores;
 - C. curriculum development;
 - D. business management;
 - E. property maintenance and
 - F. employee grievances and yearly objectives established by the Board/Superintendent.

The Board evaluates the abilities and services of the Superintendent at least once a year, prior to January 1.

The evaluation of the Superintendent's abilities and performance is written and made available to and discussed with the Superintendent in conference. The Board must consider the evaluation of the Superintendent in acting to renew or nonrenew his/her contract.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 121.22
3319.01

CROSS REFS.: BDC, Executive Sessions
CBA, Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent
CBC, Superintendent's Contract

SUPERINTENDENT'S TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The Board has an obligation to the citizens of this District to employ the professional leadership best trained and equipped to meet the educational needs of their children. It meets that obligation by retaining only the best qualified person as Superintendent for this District.

If the services of the Superintendent are found on the basis of one or more prior evaluations to be unsatisfactory to the Board, he/she is notified by the Treasurer and given an opportunity to correct the conditions prior to January 1 of each year.

If his/her services continue to be unsatisfactory, the Superintendent is notified in writing by the Treasurer, as approved by the Board, of its intent, at least two months prior to March 1 of the expiration date of his/her contract, that his/her services will not be renewed.

The contract of the Superintendent may be terminated during its term in accordance with the statutory procedures specified in the Ohio Revised Code.

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LEGAL REF.: ORC 3319.16

BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONSHIP

The enactment of policies, consistent with long-term goals, is the most important function of a board and the execution of the policies should be the function of the Superintendent and staff.

Delegation by the Board of its executive powers to the Superintendent provides freedom for the Superintendent to manage the District within the Board's policies and frees the Board to devote its time to policy-making and appraisal functions.

The Board holds the Superintendent responsible for the administration of its policies, the execution of Board decisions, the operation of the internal machinery designed to serve the District program and keeping the Board informed about District operations and problems.

The Board strives to procure the best professional leader available as its Superintendent. The Board, as a whole and as individual members:

1. gives the Superintendent full administrative authority for properly discharging his/her professional duties, holding him/her responsible for acceptable results;
2. acts in matters of employment or dismissal of personnel after receiving the recommendations of the Superintendent;
3. refers all complaints to the Superintendent for appropriate investigation and action;
4. strives to provide adequate safeguards for the Superintendent and other staff members so that they can discharge their duties on a thoroughly professional basis and
5. presents personal criticisms of any employee directly to the Superintendent.

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CROSS REFS.: BDC, Executive Sessions
CBC, Superintendent's Contract

ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN

The organization of this District is designed to meet the objectives set by the Board, ensure clear lines of authority and responsibility and define each position with clarity.

The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the District. The Superintendent defines and establishes those administrative positions required to implement the educational system and program of learning established by the Board. In each case, the Board approves the broad purpose and function of the position in harmony with State law and regulations.

Responsibility flows clearly from the Superintendent through the administrative staff to the operational personnel.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to determine the need for and define operational requirements sufficient to ensure the smooth functioning of the District. Maintenance of an efficient, skilled operational staff is essential to the effective performance of the system.

It is the Board's intent to maintain an operational and technical staff with a high level of competence.

On occasion, the Superintendent may find it necessary to recommend to the Board the employment of specialists or consultants to maintain or support programs implemented by the District in areas requiring specialized knowledge. These positions are considered by the Board on the merits of their potential contribution to the District and the specific conditions of the stated contract or agreement.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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CROSS REF.: CCB, Line and Staff Relations

STAFF RELATIONS AND LINES OF AUTHORITY

The Superintendent establishes clear understandings on the part of all personnel of the working relationships in the District.

Lines of direct authority are those approved by the Board and are shown on the District's organizational chart.

Personnel are expected to refer matters requiring administrative action to the administrator to whom they are responsible. The administrator refers such matters to the next higher administrative authority when necessary. All personnel are expected to keep the person to whom they are immediately responsible informed of their activities by whatever means the person in charge deems appropriate.

Lines of authority do not restrict in any way the cooperative, sensible working together of all staff members at all levels in order to develop the best possible school programs and services. The established lines of authority represent direction of authority and responsibility. When the staff is working together, the lines represent avenues for a two-way flow of ideas to improve the program and operations of the District.

All employees have the right to appeal any decisions made by an administrative officer to the next higher authority and through appropriate successive steps to the Board.

[Adoption date: February 18, 2003]

CROSS REFS.: ABB, Staff Involvement in Decision Making (Also GBB)
ACAA, Sexual Harassment
BG, Board-Staff Communications (Also GBD)
CCA, Organizational Chart
CD, Management Team
KL, Public Complaints
KLB, Public Complaints About the Curriculum or Instructional Materials

MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Board endorses the management team concept for the District.

The management team of the District consists of two groups.

Policy Team

The Board, Superintendent and Treasurer comprise the team. The Board President serves as team leader. Primary responsibilities of this team are to establish policies to guide the District and to ensure that the policies are carried out.

Administrative Team

All administrators within the District comprise this team. The Superintendent serves as team leader. This team is responsible for carrying out the functions of planning, organizing, staffing, implementing and evaluating, guided by the policies established by the policy team and adopted by the Board.

The team approach to management represents an attempt to provide close cooperation and effective working relationships among administrative personnel. It is an effort to make the best use of the talents and expertise available by establishing open lines of communication and by providing a supportive environment in which collaborative problem solving and decision making can take place.

Guidelines for implementing this policy are a primary management team concern. These guidelines include procedures for:

1. convening the team;
2. implementing in-service management team training;
3. establishing team evaluation and
4. implementing goals and objectives of the District.

[Adoption date: February 18, 2003]

CROSS REFS.: CCA, Organizational Chart
CCB, Staff Relations and Lines of Authority
CE, Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS, CABINETS AND COMMITTEES

The Superintendent may establish such permanent or temporary councils, cabinets and committees as are necessary for proper administration of the Board policies and for the improvement of the total educational program.

All councils, cabinets and committees created by the Superintendent are for the purposes of obtaining the advice and counsel of administrative and supervisory personnel of the District and aiding in District communication. Functioning in an advisory capacity, such groups may make recommendations for submission to the Board through the Superintendent. Authority for establishing policy remains with the Board. Authority and responsibility for implementing policy remain with the Superintendent.

The membership composition and responsibilities of administrative councils, cabinets and committees are defined by the Superintendent and may be changed at his/her discretion.

Such councils, cabinets and committees need not meet the requirements of the Sunshine Law.

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CROSS REFS.: BF, Board Policy Development and Adoption
CD, Management Team

SCHOOL BUILDING ADMINISTRATION

The Superintendent, in administering this policy, is guided by the knowledge that the Board values the freest possible interchange of ideas desirable in the schools of the District. Nothing provided herein shall be interpreted as intended to interrupt the free and open flow of ideas and assistance among personnel at every level.

The following principles shall govern the administrative operation of the District.

1. Each building is encouraged and shall be free to work out the educational program most appropriate for the students attending that building.
2. The Superintendent has specific responsibility for overseeing the pattern and sequence of educational experiences provided for children from pre-kindergarten through grade 12.
3. Responsibility flows simply and clearly from students through teachers, principals and the Superintendent to the Board.
4. Each member of the staff is provided a handbook by the building principal.
5. Whenever possible, each member of the staff is made responsible to only one immediate supervisor for any one function.
6. Each staff member is told to whom he/she can appeal in case of disagreement with the person to whom he/she is responsible.
7. Each staff member is told to whom he/she can go for help in working out his/her own functions in the school program.

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POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is responsible for carrying out, through regulations, the policies established by the Board. It is expected that all Board employees and students follow all Board policies and regulations.

There are many activities which are common to all schools, but procedures for conducting them may vary from building to building. Principals establish procedures for conducting activities in their individual schools within the larger framework of District regulations and Board policies.

[Adoption date: February 18, 2003]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.17; 3313.20; 3313.33; 3313.47

CROSS REFS.: CHA, Development of Regulations
CHB, Board Review of Regulations (Also BFCA)
CHC, Regulations Dissemination

DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATIONS

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the function of specifying required actions and designing the regulations and detailed arrangements under which the schools operate. They must be consistent with the policies adopted by the Board.

The Board itself formulates and adopts regulations only when required by law, or when the Superintendent recommends Board adoption in light of strong community attitudes and/or potential staff reaction.

[Adoption date: February 18, 2003]

LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.17; 3313.33; 3313.47

CROSS REF.: CH, Policy Implementation

BOARD REVIEW OF REGULATIONS

State law requires the Board to make “rules and regulations” for the government of the District, its employees, students and all other persons entering the District’s grounds and premises.

Before issuance, Board regulations are properly titled and coded as appropriate to subject and in conformance with the codification system selected by the Board. Those officially approved by the Board are so marked. All others appearing in the manual are considered approved, provided that they are in accordance with the accompanying Board policy.

The Board may review regulations developed by the administration to implement policy. The Board revises or nullifies these administrative regulations only when they are inconsistent with policies adopted by the Board or when they are not in the best interest of the District.

[Adoption date: February 18, 2003]

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.17; 3313.20; 3313.47

CROSS REFS.: BF, Board Policy Development and Adoption
CH, Policy Implementation
CHC, Regulations Dissemination

REGULATIONS DISSEMINATION

Districtwide regulations are appropriately coded and included in the policy manual, which is available in the Board offices and in each school building.

The Superintendent devises a means for disseminating particular regulations, prior to their effective dates, to the staff members, students and/or members of the public who are directly affected by them.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.17; 3313.33; 3313.47

CROSS REF.: CH, Policy Implementation

APPROVAL OF HANDBOOKS AND DIRECTIVES

In order that pertinent Board policies, regulations and school rules are known by all staff members and students affected by them, administrators are granted authority to issue staff and student handbooks as necessary. Handbooks are distributed to students at the beginning of each school year and it is the responsibility of the students and their parents to review and become familiar with all policies and rules contained in the handbooks.

It is essential that the contents of all handbooks conform with Districtwide policies and regulations and that all handbooks bearing the name of the District be of a quality that reflects credit on the District. Student handbooks should be consistent by both grade and building levels. Administrators at all levels should review handbooks for consistency. The Board approves all handbooks prior to publication.

The Board reviews and approves the handbooks in order that the contents are accorded the legal status of Board-approved policies and regulations. The Superintendent uses his/her judgment as to whether other specific handbooks need Board approval.

All handbooks published are to be made available to the Board for informational purposes.

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LEGAL REF.: ORC 3313.20

CROSS REFS.: Staff Handbooks
Student Handbooks

ADMINISTRATION IN POLICY ABSENCE

In the absence of Board policy, the Superintendent may take temporary action that would be in accordance with the overall policy of the Board. The Superintendent is not free to act when the action involves a duty of the Board that by law cannot be delegated.

In each case, the Superintendent shall present the matter to the Board for its consideration at its next meeting.

[Adoption date: February 18, 2003]

LEGAL REF.: ORC 3313.18; 3313.20

SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

The Board shall issue a District annual report and an annual report for each building within the District as required by state regulations.

The format of the report is designed by the administrative staff.

The content of the report conforms to state guidelines. The report is made available to all District residents.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.94
3315.07
3319.04; 3319.32; 3319.33
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CROSS REF.: District Report Card