

The Council, through the local District Education Authorities and schools, is responsible to the electorate for the provision of a quality educational program as economically and efficiently as possible. The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the Council.

With respect to the authority of the Superintendent, the Council and its members shall:

1. Provide counsel and advice giving him the benefit of its judgement and familiarity with the local school system and the community; and will consult with the Superintendent on all matters concerning or about which it proposes to take action.
2. Delegate to the Superintendent responsibility for all executive functions, refraining from handling directly any administrative details; and giving the Superintendent authority commensurate with his responsibilities.
3. Make all employees of the school system responsible to the Superintendent through refraining from any direct dealing with any of them and to require and receive all reports from them through the Superintendent.
4. Refer all applications, complaints and other communications, oral or written, to the Superintendent except when such may come to the Council in meeting or appeal from decisions of the Superintendent.
5. Provide adequate safeguards for the Superintendent or other personnel so that they may perform their proper functions on a professional basis. This involves, particularly, supporting the Superintendent in his efforts to protect the personnel in the schools from individuals and organizations seeking to exploit schools for personal/non-educational reasons.
6. Support the Superintendent loyally and actively in all decisions and actions conformable to proper professional standards and the announced policy of the Council; and to accept full responsibility for administrative acts authorized by or resulting from the policies of the Council.
7. Hold the Superintendent strictly responsible for the administration of schools, to require him to keep the Council fully informed at all times through both written and oral reports, to review and appraise the results of his work and to inform him when any method of procedures do not meet with approval of the Council.
8. In the event of the absence of the Superintendent, there shall be a appointment of an Acting Superintendent, stating the period of time this acting position is in effect.

Reference:        *Education Act*, s. 78. 2. (b), (d)  
                      *Education Act*, s.117. 1. (l), (m), (n)  
                      *Education Act*, South Slave Education Division and South Slave Divisional  
                      Education Council Regulations, s. 5. (f) (g) (h)

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