

In recognition of the commitment of Council to lifelong learning and continuous improvement, it is expected that all District Education Authority (DEA) representatives take opportunity for training and development activities to enhance their ability to effectively fulfill their governance responsibilities consistent with the foundational and philosophical commitments of the South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC).

Regulations

1. The SSDEC will identify potential DEA development workshops to assist trustees in improving their skills as representatives on an education governing body.
2. New DEA members should review the local DEA policies, SSDEC policies, and the workshops available to DEAs as listed in the SSDEC's *DEA Development Workshops* document, along with any other relevant documents pertinent to the operation of the DEA.
3. A '*New Member Orientation*' workshop shall be mandatory for all new DEA members and will include an overview of the function, foundational policies and key priorities of the SSDEC, and a clarification of DEA, member, and partner roles and responsibilities. The orientation will take place:
 - a) no more than two months after a DEA election or appointment process
 - b) at the time and place mutually agreed upon by the new DEA members and the SSDEC facilitator
4. The *Formula Funding* and *Staffing* workshops are highly recommended for new DEA members.

The Council delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Reference: NWT Education Act – sections 81, 117 and 118
South Slave Divisional Education Council: *DEA Development Workshops*

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