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## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Director of Education shall not permit the Board to be uninformed or unsupported in its work.

Further, without limiting the scope of the above statement by the following list, the Director of Education shall not:

- 1. Withhold, impede, or confound information relevant to the Board's informed accomplishment of its job.
  - 1.1. Allow the Board to be without sufficient, timely and relevant decision information, including regular updates on the status of the Board's governance expenditures, environmental scanning data, a risk assessment, and sufficient information to make fully informed decisions regarding closing or consolidation of schools.
  - 1.2. Neglect to submit timely monitoring data including interpretations of Board policies that provide the observable metrics or conditions that would demonstrate compliance, rationale for why the interpretations are reasonable, and evidence of compliance.
  - 1.3. Let the Board be unaware of any actual or anticipated noncompliance with any Ends or Executive Limitations policy, regardless of the Board's monitoring schedule.
  - 1.4. Let the Board be unaware of any incidental information it requires, including:
    - anticipated significant media coverage;
    - actual or anticipated legal actions;
    - material or publicly visible internal changes or events, including changes in senior personnel, significant changes in previously published Administrative Procedures, or material changes to existing programs, and student enrolment trends;
    - school accommodations;
    - separate school assessment activities which include maintaining an accurate assessment roll of separate school supporters;
    - an annual update on trends, including student enrolment, condition of physical facilities, projections, and identification of the need for possible consolidation, closure or major program relocation, or construction of new facilities.
  - 1.5. Allow the Board to be unaware that, in the Director of Education's opinion, the Board is not in compliance with its own policies on Governance Process and Board-Management Delegation, particularly in the case of Board behaviour which is detrimental to the work relationship between the Board and the Director of Education.
  - 1.6. Present information in unnecessarily complex or lengthy form, or in a form that does not clearly differentiate among monitoring, decision preparation, and general incidental or other information.

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2. Allow the board to be without reasonable administrative support for Board activities.

- 2.1. Allow the board to be without a workable, user-friendly mechanism for official Board, officer or Board committee communications.
  - 2.1.1. Allow the Board of Trustees members or pupil representatives to be without the ability to participate in Board meetings or committee meetings using electronic means.
- 2.2. Allow the board to be without Board Secretary services that meet all legal requirements and ensure the integrity of the board's documents.
- 3. Impede the board's holism, misrepresent its processes and role, impede its lawful obligations, or assume prerogatives of the board.
  - 3.1. Interact with the Board in a way that favours or privileges certain board members over others, except when (a) fulfilling individual requests for information or (b) responding to officers or committees duly charged by the Board.
  - 3.2. Neglect to supply for the Required Approvals agenda all items delegated to the Director of Education, yet required by law, regulation or contract to be Board-approved, along with the applicable monitoring information.

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