



SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING

Background

School-based decision making increases the effectiveness and efficiency of the delivery of instructional programs to improve student achievement.

School-based decision making is aligned with the strategic direction of the Division. The process results in better decisions and increased effectiveness and efficiency of the education process at the school level.

Procedures

1. The following criteria are integral to the successful implementation of school-based decision making:
 - 1.1 The primary focus is student learning and improvement.
 - 1.2 The autonomy of the teacher to make decisions in the classroom and the principal to make decisions for the school is recognized.
 - 1.3 Senior administration serves as a support agency to the school administration as needed.
2. The implementation of school-based decision making requires the schools to adhere to the following:
 - 2.1 Provincial statutes and regulations.
 - 2.2 Board policies and Division Administrative Procedures.
 - 2.3 All contracts and terms of employment.
 - 2.4 Applicable Board resolutions related to school-based decision making that may be passed from time to time.
3. The principal shall be responsible and accountable to the superintendent for the implementation of school-based decision making at the school level.
4. The superintendent is responsible and accountable to the Board for the implementation of school-based decision making.

Reference: Section 33, 52, 53, 55, 197, 222 Education Act
School Councils Regulation AR 113/2007
School Authority Accountability Policy 2.1.1
School-Based Decision-Making Policy 1.8.2
School Councils Policy 1.8.3