

# DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL Superintendent's Monitoring Report

Policy Name	Staff Treatment				
Policy Number	ASD-W-EL2	Number of Reports per year	1		
Policy	Dealings with staff and volunteers shall not be unfair nor undignified.				
	The Superintendent shall not fail to inform the District Education Council of recommendations or findings of unfair or undignified dealings with staff or volunteers by internal review, or external review by arms-length organizations such as court, Human Rights Tribunal, Grievance process, Ombudsman, or other administrative review process.				
	<ul> <li>1. Operate with personnel procedures which:</li> <li>Clarify personnel rules for staff;</li> <li>Provide for effective handling of grievances;</li> <li>Protect against wrongful conditions; and</li> </ul>				
	• Follow collective agreement(s).				
	2. Acquaint staff with their rights under this policy.				
Date of Report	March 24, 2022				
Date of Previous Report (s) This School Year	N/A				
Date of Future Report (s) This School Year	N/A				
Report Filed by:	David McTimoney, Superintendent				
Report Supported by:	Karen Morton, Director of Human Resources				

#### Interpretation:

- The policy calls for the Superintendent to ensure that dealings by the Employer with staff and volunteers are fair, dignified, and respectful.
- The Superintendent, upon request and in confidence, will share with the Council any recommendations or findings of significant incidents of unfair or undignified employer dealings with staff or volunteers as found through internal or external reviews.
- Procedures are in place to monitor and respond in a timely manner.
- The Superintendent will ensure that personnel rules are clarified and communicated with staff so that they understand their rights.
- The Superintendent and designates will follow negotiated collective agreements in good faith and work towards finding resolution informally or formally through a grievance process.

#### Justification:

- Compliance with the New Brunswick Education Act:
  - Duties of Superintendents Section 48(1), Section 48(2) specifically (b) coordinating and administering the educational programs and educational services prescribed by the Minister, (b.2) ensuring that school district and provincial policies are followed by school personnel and (f) ensuring the allocation, management and development of all human resources in the school district
  - District staffing Section 47.1(1) indicates the superintendent of the school district, subject to subsection (2) and on behalf of and subject to any policies or directives of the District Education Council, shall select, appoint and direct, and may suspend, dismiss or otherwise discipline, such school personnel as are required to operate the schools and the school district office in the school district for which the District Education Council is established.
- Compliance with provincially negotiated collective agreements in Part II of the Government of New Brunswick, School Districts:
  - Canadian Union of Public Employees CUPE 1253
  - Canadian Union of Public Employees CUPE 2745
  - New Brunswick Teachers' Federation NBTF
  - New Brunswick Union of Professional Public Employees, Professional Support Group – NBUPPE
  - School Business Officials, Public Service Alliance of Canada PSAC

- Compliance with Provincial Administration Manual Policies:
  - The Administrative Directives (i.e. policies and procedures) contained in the Administration Manuals apply to all departments and agencies listed in Part I of the First Schedule of the *Public Service Labour Relations Act*. Certain policies and procedures may also apply to other portions of the public service listed in the First Schedule of the *Public Service Labour Relations Act* (i.e. <u>Parts II</u>, III and IV). As applicability may vary from area to area, each directive will indicate the departments, agencies or other public sector organizations which are affected by its contents (AD-1100-Introduction to the Administration Manuals).
- Compliance with <u>Provincial Department of Education and Early Childhood Education</u> Policies and ASD-W Policies.

#### **Compliance:**

- Expectations are established and communicated through <u>ASD-W Policies</u> and <u>ASD-W Vision Mission and Core Values.</u>
- In addition to the <u>GNB Public Service Values and Conduct Guide</u>, ASD-W has a
  district operational policy <u>ASD-W-250-16 Professional Conduct</u> that is posted to the
  district website. This policy guides any employee with the standards of professional
  behavior and sign-off acknowledging review of this policy is required during the
  application process for casual employees or upon hire for employees coming into
  the district from other jurisdictions.
- ASD-W has a district operational policy <u>ASD-W-250-13 Employee Concerns</u>, that is
  posted to the district website. This policy guides any employee with the channels
  to address concerns and references staff to DEC Policy <u>ASD-W-EL-2 Staff Treatment</u>.
- To further acquaint staff with their rights under DEC Policy ASD-W-EL2, the Director
  of Human Resources has provided a reminder to all staff within the district
  (Appendix A ASD-W Memo Reminder Staff Treatment).
- In addition, this DEC policy and corresponding Superintendent reports are accessible on the ASD-W website. <u>ASD-W-EL2 Staff Treatment 2020-2021</u>
- In the event the union feels the collective agreement has not been followed, a formal
  process for grievance handling is established in each of five (5) Collective
  Agreements. Attempts are often made to resolve issues prior to following the
  formal grievance process through informal discussion, but, if a grievance is
  launched, it is handled with respect and professionally.

### **Evidence of Compliance:**

 Provincial adjudication activity for 2020-2021 for Part I: GNB Departments (Civil Service), II: School Districts and III: Health Authorities provides the following comparison as outlined in the <u>Finance and Treasury Board Annual Report 2020-2021</u>, <u>Page 13</u>:

	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Total
Referrals to adjudication carried from previous years	204	80	277	561
New referrals to adjudication	55	24	126	205
Grievances withdrawn or settled	67	43	99	209
Adjudication decisions rendered	5	13	5	23

• ASD-W adjudication activity for 2019-2020 provides the following comparison:

	CUPE 1253	CUPE 2745	NBTF	NBUPPE	PSAC	Total
ASD-W New referrals to adjudication	0	1	0	0	0	1
ASD-W Grievances withdrawn or settled	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASD-W Previous/remaining referrals to adjudication	1	0	1	0	0	2

• ASD-W adjudication activity for 2020-2021 provides the following comparison:

	CUPE	CUPE	NBTF	NBUPPE	PSAC	Total
	1253	2745				
ASD-W New referrals to adjudication	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASD-W Grievances withdrawn or settled	8	1	6	0	0	15
ASD-W Previous/remaining referrals to adjudication		2	5	0	0	7

## • GNB Workforce Profile:

Dec. 31, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2020						
Employment Type		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Permanent	Part 1	8,172	8,155	8,419	8,339	8,343
	Part 2	13,630	13,845	14,288	14,445	14,794
	Part 3	16,249	16,446	15,901	16,071	16,009
	Total permanent	38,051	38,446	38,608	38,855	39,146
Temporary	Part 1	1,785	2,016	2,124	1,953	1,973
	Part 2	3,124	3,640	3,517	3,749	3,710
	Part 3	2,493	2,406	2,353	2,302	2,480
	Total temporary	7,402	8,062	7,994	8,004	8,163
	Total	45,453	46,508	46,602	46,859	47,309

#### • Links:

**ASD-W** Vision Mission and Core Values

**GNB Public Service Values and Conduct Guide** 

**ASD-W-250-16 Professional Conduct** 

**ASD-W-250-13 Employee Concerns** 

**ASD-W-EL-2 Staff Treatment** 

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**New Brunswick Education Act** 

<u>Provincial Department of Education and Early Childhood Education Policies</u> **ASD-W Policies** 

• Appendix A - ASD-W Memo - Reminder Staff Treatment - January 2022.

Compliance: I report compliance with this policy.

Superintendent's Signature:	
DEC Chair Signature:	
Date:	-