



**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
Superintendent's Monitoring Report**

<b>Policy Name</b>	<b>Communication to the Council</b>		
<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>ASD-W-EL8</b>	<b>Number of Reports per year</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Policy</b>	<i>With respect to providing information and recommendations to the Council, the Superintendent shall not fail to keep the Council informed.</i>		
<b>Date of Report</b>	<b>October 29, 2020</b>		
<b>Date of Previous Report (s) This School Year</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Date of Future Report (s) This School Year</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Report Filed by:</b>	<b>David McTimoney, Superintendent</b>		
<b>Report Supported by:</b>			

**Interpretation:**

- **Policy requires the Superintendent to maintain open and effective communication with the Council by sharing information on all key matters related to the responsibilities of Councilors as outlined in the *Education Act*. This information shall come in forms of data, sharing of trends, and internal and external changes to the education system**
- **The Superintendent will provide Superintendent Reports for each DEC policy listed under Executive Limitations and End Results, as well as any information that may alter a previous established DEC policy.**
- **The Superintendent will provide for reports of significant media coverage to be shared with the DEC.**
- **The Superintendent will advise the DEC in a timely manner if there is anticipated or actual district non-compliance with any policy of the Council as well as advise if the DEC, itself, is not in compliance with the governance process or council/staff relations.**

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<p><b><u>Justification:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In accordance with the Education Act, the duties of the superintendent include ensuring effective communication links, procedures and mechanisms are in place (Education Act, 48(2)(h)).</b></li> <li>• <b>The District Education Council must align DEC policies with provincial policies, legislation and regulations. (Education Act, 36.9(5a)). Therefore, any changes to provincial policies or regulation must be shared with Council in order for it to reflect on the impact to current DEC policy.</b></li> <li>• <b>Council members maintain communication links with Parent School Support Committees (Education Act, 36.9(5f)) within their sub-districts. This provides a link to the communities they serve. Awareness of significant media coverage allows Council to be informed of stories and topics which may affect public opinion and decision-making by government. Council members are better prepared for their role when they are informed of key issues affecting education.</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Compliance:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DEC reports are submitted following the Council’s annual reporting cycle, unless adjusted by Council during a public meeting or, in the case of the 2019-20 school year, the formal reporting by the Superintendent is canceled due to the global pandemic.</b></li> <li>• <b>Regular updates and reports are provided to Council through email on media inquiries, media coverage and current media trends. Although regular updates have been paused for September and October, 2020, significant events have been shared by the Superintendent, including messages of interest sent to families and staff mostly pertaining to the global pandemic. ASD-W has been without a Director of Communications since July 1, 2020, with a new Director beginning on November 9, 2020.</b></li> <li>• <b>DEC is informed of changes to provincial policy when relevant to the work they do.</b></li> <li>• <b>Responsible communication between the Superintendent and DEC occurs as needs arise regularly and in between formal Council meetings.</b></li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Evidence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>DEC Planning Cycle – 2019-2020</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Monitoring Reports – 2019-2020</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W ER2.0: Mission, Vision and Core Values Statement</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W ER2.1: Academic Excellence</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W ER2.2: School Culture</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W ER2.3: Healthy Living</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W ER4: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W EL0: Global Executive Limitations</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W EL1: Emergency Superintendent Succession</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W EL2: Staff Treatment</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W EL4: Budgeting/Forecasting</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W EL5: Asset Protection</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W EL6: Effective Use of Schools</u></li> <li>• <u>Superintendent Report – ASD-W EL8: Communication to Council</u></li> <li>• <u>Education Act</u></li> <li>• <u>Spreadsheet of Media Contacts – Appendix B</u></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Compliance: I report compliance with this policy.</b></p>	

<b>Superintendent's Signature:</b>	_____
<b>DEC Chair Signature:</b>	_____
<b>Date:</b>	_____