ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT	GOVERNANCE POLICIES	
Policy Type	Governance Process	
Policy Name	Role of Council	
Policy Number	ASD-W-GP2	
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Policy:

The role of the Council is to represent the community and to lead the district by setting direction and monitoring performance.

Accordingly, the Council has a mandate to:

- articulate the District Education Council's vision for education
- provide quality programs for all students throughout the district
- establish and monitor District Education Council policy based on vision and provincial policy
- establish a budget and monitor its implementation
- equip and maintain schools
- evaluate the performance of the Superintendent and the school district on an annual basis
- monitor/recommend the establishment and closure of schools
- perform all other duties required by the Education Act

To distinguish the Council's own unique role from the roles of the Superintendent and staff, the Council shall concentrate its efforts on the following:

- 1. Determine and use proactive strategies to ensure constructive two-way dialogue for input from stakeholders, including students, parents, and the community, as a mean to link to the entire community around the Council's Ends policies.
- 2. Develop written governing policies which, at the broadest levels, address:
 - a) Governance Process: how the Council will conceive, carry out and monitor its own work.
 - b) **Council-Staff Relationship:** how authority is delegated, and its proper use monitored; the Superintendent's role, authority, and accountability.
 - c) **Executive Limitations:** constraints on Superintendent's authority which establish the practical, ethical, and legal boundaries within which district activity and decision-making will take place and be monitored.

- d) Ends Results: organizational impacts, benefits, and results for specified recipients.
- 3. Ensure the Superintendent's performance through monitoring Ends Results and Executive Limitations Policies.
- 4. Ensure Council performance through monitoring Governance Process and Council/Staff Relations Policies.
- 5. Ensure Ends Results Policies are the focus of organizational performance.

MONITORING:

	Method(s)	Frequency	Month
•	Council Self Evaluation	• 1 time per year	• December