



## **Policy 8 – Role of the Board**

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The Board regulates the performance of the Division by monitoring Board policies, the evaluation of the Superintendent/CEO and annual Board self-evaluation. The Board is entrusted to ensure that educational needs are met in a fiscally responsible way.

### **Areas of Responsibility of the Board:**

#### ***Accountability to the Provincial Government***

The Board is responsible to adhere to legislation and regulation.

#### ***Community Accountability and Leadership***

The Board makes decisions that reflect the values and educational needs of the communities of Evergreen School Division.

Board members are active within the Evergreen communities, building support for public education.

Board members should not serve in an official capacity on external organizations with which the Board had related interests.

There are processes in place to appeal decisions of the Board and Administration.

The Board reports progress on the Education Plan to the community.

#### ***Division Education Plan***

The Board provides overall direction for the Division through its Education Plan. The Education Plan is developed in consultation with the community, staff and students. The selection of priorities is influenced by provincial direction, research, survey results, focus groups and student achievement data.

#### ***Policy***

The Board reviews policy annually and revises policies as necessary.

The purpose of governance policies is to describe the actions of the Board and expectations within the Division.

All policy is written and available to the public.

### ***Fiscal Responsibility***

The Board approves an annual budget and establishes the amount of the local property tax levy.

The Board appoints an auditor for Evergreen School Division and acts on any recommendations for compliance.

The Board ratifies and ensures the administration of collective agreements with employee groups.

Legal Reference: *The Public Schools Act; The Labour Relations Act*

Policy 1 – Mandate and Legal Status

Policy 2 – Vision and Mission

Policy 3 – Values and Beliefs

Policy 4 – Governance Model

Policy 7 – Community Engagement

Policy 10 – Policy Development and Amendment

Policy 16 – Audits

Policy 17 – Assets