

DISTRICT PHILOSOPHY

Policy 101-R

Strategic Planning

Strategic Plan Development

The Board of Education shall, on a five-year cycle, develop and implement a strategic plan that identifies the higher-level strategic priorities of the district as well as more specific goals and objectives that support each strategic priority.

Communication

Upon completion of the strategic plan, the Superintendent shall develop and implement a communications strategy advertising the strategic plan with members of the school district and the community. Part of that strategy shall include making provisions for the distribution of the strategic plan and its placement on the District website.

Consultation and Review

During the term of the strategic plan, the Board shall periodically consult with stakeholders to seek their input into adjustments to the plan that may need to be considered for the following school year. In the final year of the existing strategic plan, the Board shall engage in a comprehensive review and consultation process with students, stakeholders and community partners. Results of this process shall form the basis of the next strategic plan.

Operational Plans

Under the direction of the Superintendent, staff will create operational plans that reflect the five-year term of the strategic plan. Operational plans for each objective will include:

- a clear indication of the senior staff person responsible
- key actions to be taken to achieve each objective
- clear timelines for the achievement of each objective
- success indicators

Operational plans will reflect the fact that the objectives contained in the strategic plan are intended to be achieved over the five-year cycle of the plan.

Alignment of Planning

District level strategic planning will incorporate and be aligned with the Provincial Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Policy and school level planning.

The District shall have an annual planning cycle that links the FESL to the District Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is then linked to school stories. Areas of focus contained in school stories will be considered as part of the evidence gathered to inform the development and monitoring of the District Plan. District operational plans and the distribution of resources (human, financial and technological) will be aligned with the outcomes set out in the Strategic Plan.

Provincial Level Planning

The provincial Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) combines accountability with evidence-based decision making to support a system wide program of continuous improvement. It brings a formalized approach to the planning and reporting expectations for all school districts with a focus on improving student learning and enhancing the intellectual, social and career development of all students in the K-12 public system.

District Level Planning

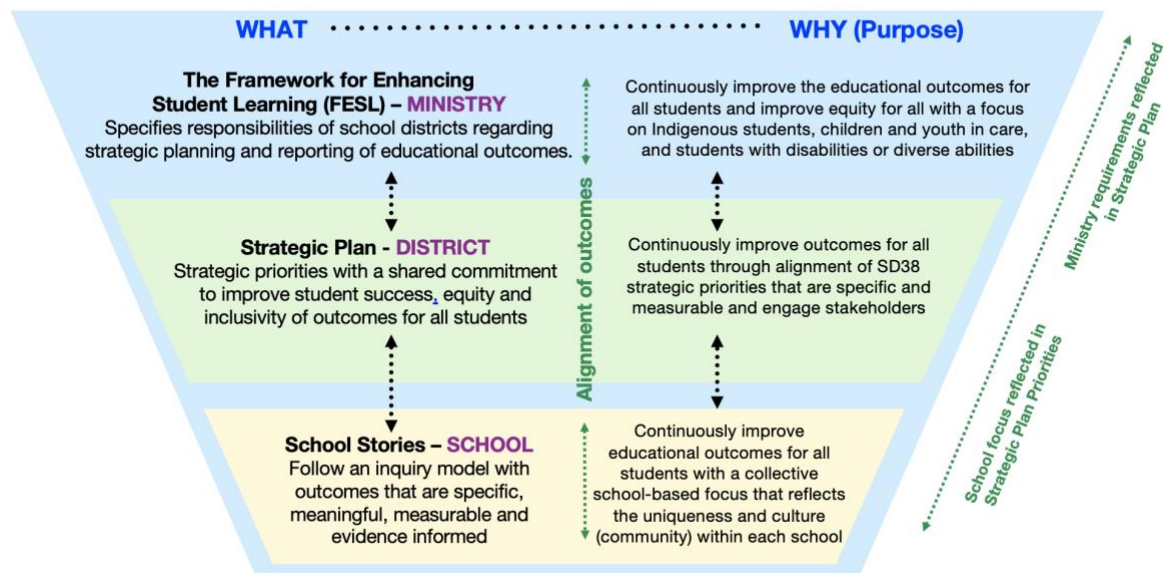
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School Level Planning

Under the direction of the Superintendent or delegate, school principals shall, on an annual basis, update the school story for their school. The school story will follow an enquiry model with outcomes that are specific, meaningful, measurable, and evidence informed. Throughout the year, each school will engage in a process to continuously monitor and revise its school story to demonstrate how the school community is working on improving learning outcomes for students by setting a focus to improve student achievement based on a continual cycle of inquiry.

Strategic Alignment - Connecting the Dots

How are we working to put systems in place that continuously improve the educational outcomes for all students?



Annual Reporting Cycle

Staff will report to the Board and stakeholders using a variety of methods over the course of each school year:

Annual Report to the Board:

Each September, staff will provide the Board with an annual report that includes two components:

1. Progress made on items scheduled for focus *in the previous 12 months*.
 - a. This will contain specific reference to the actions, outputs and success indicators relating to objectives scheduled to be focused on during the previous year:
2. Areas of focus *for the upcoming year*:
 - a. This will contain upcoming areas of focus identified by the Board within the existing Strategic Priorities and goals.

Quarterly Reports:

In addition to the Annual Report to the Board in September, staff will provide progress updates to the Board three times each year. Each strategic priority will be reported on once during each school year. These reports will be provided in public.

Standing Committee Updates:

As part of the usual workflow of standing committees, staff will provide reports and updates on a variety of topics. This will provide a venue for discussion and input amongst trustees, and where appropriate, stakeholders.

Annual Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Report to the Minister of Education:

In accordance with requirements contained in the [Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order](#), districts are required to submit an annual report to the Minister of Education which outlines progress made in relation to a number of predetermined student outcomes. This report must be submitted by September 30th of each year. The report will be shared with the Board prior to submission, and trustees and stakeholders will have the opportunity to engage in discussion about the contents of the report at a public meeting of the Education Committee.