

The board recognizes the importance of an effective working relationship between the board and superintendent. The board further recognizes the distinct and separate areas of responsibility of the board and superintendent to the school system.

The board believes that legislation of policies is the most important function of the school board and that the execution of the policies should be the function of the superintendent. The superintendent is responsible for the administration of the system of schools consistent with the board's policies. Delegation by the board of its executive powers to the superintendent provides freedom for the superintendent to manage the schools within the board's policies and frees the board to devote its time to policy making and appraisal functions.

To maintain a cohesive relationship between the board and the school system, the superintendent shall serve as secretary of the board and assist all board committees. The superintendent shall keep the board informed of the operation of the system. The superintendent shall make recommendations to the board as required by law and board policy and as otherwise determined appropriate by the superintendent. The superintendent also shall assist the board in making sound decisions and meeting the requirements of law by providing information and advice regarding all matters that require board action or that must by law be reported by the superintendent to the board.

When acting in his or her official capacity, the superintendent shall provide the board with notice in advance if he or she is called upon to speak before the General Assembly, the State Board of Education, the Board of County Commissioners or other governmental entities on legislation, policy or political issues of concern to the board. In addition, the superintendent shall keep the board informed when he or she has been asked to comment upon proposed or pending state legislation or policy.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47, -276

Cross References: Board Authority and Duties (policy 1010), Duties of Officers (policy 2210), [Official School Spokesperson \(policy 2220\)](#)

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