

Section:	Governance
Title:	Board of Education Responsibilities

Purpose

To summarize the responsibilities of the Board of Education of the Mission Public School District.

Policy

The Board of Education of the Mission Public School District provides the governance direction and oversight for the activities of the School District in accordance with the specified powers delegated to the School District by the *School Act*. This includes:

- providing strategic leadership and direction for Mission Public School District, focusing on improving student achievement and outcomes; human rights; supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion; and Indigenous reconciliation,
- ensuring the Mission Public Schools provide students with the opportunity for quality public education.
- setting education policies that reflect the aspirations of the community, considering the overall provincial guidelines.
- being accountable to parents, taxpayers, the community and the Province for the public education system for students in the Mission Public School District, including:
 - accountability for the implementation of provincial and local education programs,
 - student access and achievement,
 - employee performance, and
 - the fiscally responsible provision of services.
- advocating for quality public education in Mission, with adequate and sustainable funding.

Corporate Board

The Board of Education of School District No. 75 (Mission) is a publicly elected group of five Trustees, elected for a four year term. Four Trustees are elected from the District of Mission electoral area and one Trustee is elected from the Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area.

Trustees elected or appointed in accordance with the *School Act* form a corporation under the name “Board of Education, School District No. 75 (Mission)” also known as the Mission Public School District (MPSD).

The Board, as a body, holds the rights, powers, duties and liabilities as prescribed in the *School Act*.

General Guidelines

The Board:

- carries out legislated responsibilities as set forth in the *School Act*.
- sets direction for the School District, reflecting community values.
- develops a strategic plan, setting annual work plans,
- reviews progress with processes like the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, and the How are we Doing Report.
- sets policy and bylaws to support its goals and provide a framework for the Superintendent of Schools to fulfill their responsibilities.
- provides direction for communication with education partners and community at large.
- is responsible to oversee the governance and administration of the School District, and review on a regular basis.
- conducts a Board Evaluation once during the term of office to ensure the board provides effective governance.

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Legal Reference: School Act, Part 6, Division 2 - Powers and Duties

Provincial Policy: "Mandate for the School System in the Province of British Columbia" approved by Order in Council 1280/89

Cross Reference: Governance: Board Roles: Chair, Vice-Chair, Trustees Policy

Governance: Trustee Code of Ethical Conduct Policy

District Administration: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy