

Board Delegation of Authority

The School Act allows for the board to delegate certain of its responsibilities and powers to others.

The board authorizes the superintendent to do any act or thing or exercise any power that the board may do, or is required to do or exercise, except those matters which, in accordance with provincial legislation, cannot be delegated.

Notwithstanding the above, the board also reserves to itself the authority to make decisions on specific matters requiring board approval in accordance with board policies. Further, the board requires that any new provincial, regional or local initiatives must be initially brought to the board for discussion and determination of decision-making authority.

The superintendent is directed to develop an administrative procedure to fulfill board obligations created by any federal legislation or provincial legislation other than the School Act.

In the absence of board policy in cases where an immediate administrative response is required the superintendent will:

- If time permits, consult with the board chair.
- Inform the board as soon as is practicable and at the next regular meeting of the action taken and the nature of the emergent issue and where warranted, the need for policy in the event of future occurrences.
- The action must be taken by the superintendent with regard for the tenor of the board's philosophy.

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Legal Reference: School Act, Section 65, 85