EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Board of Education believes it is essential that it evaluate the Superintendent's performance periodically in order to assist both the Board and the Superintendent in the proper discharge of their responsibilities and to enable the Board to provide the District with the best possible leadership. To carry out this responsibility, the Board will evaluate the Superintendent utilizing a rigorous, transparent, and fair performance evaluation system that does all of the following:

A. Evaluates the Superintendent's job performance at least annually in a summative evaluation, while providing timely and constructive feedback.

B. Evaluates the Superintendent's job performance as highly effective, effective, minimally effective or ineffective, using multiple rating categories that take into account student growth and assessment data. For the 2015 - 2016, 2016 - 2017 and 2017 - 2018 school years twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual year-end evaluation shall be based on student growth and assessment data. Beginning with the 2018 - 2019 school year, forty percent (40%) of the annual year-end evaluation shall be based on student growth and assessment data.

For the Superintendent, the pertinent data is that of the entire School District.

C. Uses the evaluations, at a minimum, to inform decisions regarding all of the following:

1. The effectiveness of the Superintendent, so that s/he is given ample opportunities for improvement.

2. Retention and development of the Superintendent, including providing relevant coaching, instruction support, or professional development.

3. Removing an ineffective Superintendent after s/he has had ample opportunities to improve, and providing that these decisions are made using rigorous standards and streamlined, transparent, and fair procedures.

D. For the purposes of conducting annual summative evaluations under the performance evaluation system, the District shall adopt and implement the MASB Superintendent Evaluation Instrument.

E. Training Requirements:

The District shall provide training to the Superintendent on the measures used by the District in its performance evaluation system and on how each of the measures is used.
The evaluation system shall ensure that if the Superintendent is rated as minimally effective or ineffective, the person(s) conducting the evaluation shall develop and require the Superintendent to implement an improvement plan to correct the deficiencies. The improvement plan shall recommend professional development opportunities and other measures designed to improve the rating of the Superintendent on his/her next annual year-end evaluation. A Superintendent rated as "ineffective" on three (3) consecutive year-end evaluations must be dismissed from employment with the District.

The evaluation program shall aim at the early identification of specific areas in which the Superintendent needs help so that appropriate assistance may be provided or arranged for. The Board shall not release the Superintendent from the responsibility to improve. If the Superintendent, after receiving a reasonable degree of assistance, fails to perform his/her assigned responsibilities in a satisfactory manner, dismissal, or non-renewal procedures may be invoked. In such an instance, all relevant evaluation documents may be used in the proceedings.

This policy shall not deprive an administrator of any rights provided by State law or any contractual rights consistent with State law.

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