

Policy Type: Strategic Policies

Results Based Governance Policy

In 2014, the Lake County School District Board of Education (“Board”) adopted a Mission Statement and Core Commitments that outlined new expectations for learning, climate and culture in the Lake County School District. Subsequently, it began an exploration of a results-based governance model in which the following would be aligned:

- Mission Statement and Core Commitments
- Priorities, Strategies and Metrics
- District Strategic Plan
- School-Level Work Plans
- Oversight Calendar
- Budget
- Board Policies
- Superintendent’s Evaluation

The Board believes it can best play a role in ensuring ongoing strong results in the Lake County School District by aligning the District’s work and resources to its beliefs about learning, culture and climate—and by monitoring that work in a disciplined way. The Board recognizes its responsibility to oversee systems and procedures to implement those beliefs.

Purpose

The purpose of this introductory document is to set forth in policy a Results Based Governance Model, systems and procedures for implementing this model and a system of accountability for monitoring the progress of work in the District.

Policy Statement

Aligned Mission Statement, Core Commitments, Priorities and Strategic Plan

The work of the District is directed by the District’s Mission Statement and Core Commitments, which are supported by a set of Priorities developed by the board. The Strategic Plan for the District further develops these Priorities and is written by the Superintendent and approved by the Board. Each portion of the strategic plan supports a District Priority and is comprised of one or two strategies each accompanied by a metric to monitor progress.

The Board sets forth in policy the following Theory of Action:

To become a district that truly “ignites a passion for learning,” we must simultaneously focus our efforts on the following priorities:

1. Ensuring all students stay on or above grade level each year and graduate prepared to successfully implement a plan for college or career (“Every day, we are college and career-ready”)
2. Providing all students with engaging learning opportunities (“Rigor and engagement are everywhere”)
3. Creating a space that is safe, inclusive and welcoming for all (“Diversity and culture make us better”)
4. Planning and executing the capital and human capital investments that will make our district better (“We plan for the future”)

Commitment to Results Based Governance to implement the Priorities and Strategic Plan

The Board also sets forth in policy its commitment to results based governance to implement the District’s Priorities and Strategic Plan and acknowledges the following responsibilities:

- The work of the District is underpinned by a Board-adopted Mission Statement and Core Commitments that reflect the deeply held foundational beliefs of the District.
- The District’s Priorities are Board-developed and adopted direction statements that serve to focus the District’s work in the immediate future. The Superintendent’s Strategic Plan turns the District’s Priorities into action. The Strategic Plan is comprised of strategies, each with a metric to track progress.
- It is the Superintendent’s responsibility to write a Strategic Plan that outlines the work that will be undertaken around the District’s Priorities. Each Priority should contain one or two key strategies. Every key strategy should have a metric to measure progress. The Superintendent shall bring this Strategic Plan annually to the Board for review, discussion and adoption. The schedule for this annual review shall be outlined in the Board’s Calendar Policy.
- It is the Superintendent’s responsibility to communicate the District’s Priorities to schools, and to ensure that school-level plans demonstrate alignment with the District’s Priorities and the key strategies in the Strategic Plan.
- It is the Superintendent’s responsibility to annually develop a strategic budget that prioritizes work around the District’s Priorities and the key strategies of the Strategic Plan. The

Superintendent shall bring this strategic budget to the Board annually for review, discussion and adoption. The schedule for this annual review shall be outlined in the Board's Calendar Policy.

Accountability Structure to Monitor the Strategic Plan

- It is the Superintendent's responsibility to use metrics to measure progress on the strategies in the Strategic Plan. Each of the strategies should have a metric. The Superintendent shall bring these metrics annually to the Board for review, discussion and adoption. The schedule by which this is done shall be outlined in the Board's Calendar Policy. Taken together, these metrics shall:
 1. Measure system-level change.
 2. Measure change over time.
 3. Measure Lake County Public Schools in comparison to other similar districts.
 4. Measure change from the perspective of multiple stakeholders (students, parents, teachers).
 5. Be accompanied by a clearly-agreed upon methodology.
- It is the Board's responsibility to work with the Superintendent to develop a schedule by which it can review progress on the chosen metrics. The schedule for this review shall be outlined in the Board's Calendar Policy. The Superintendent's evaluation, which will occur annually as per the Oversight Calendar, will include a review of metrics and results. However, each metric should also be reviewed at least once during the year, so that the Board and Superintendent can discuss interim progress.

Review Date

This policy shall be reviewed annually according to the Oversight Calendar.