SIMCOE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

PUBLIC SESSION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

GEORGIAN ROOM

- **A.** (1) Roll Call
 - (2) Approval of Agenda
 - (3) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
 - (4) Visitor
 Marilyn Gouthro, Governance Consultant, Ontario Education
 Services Corporation

B. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION</u>

- (1) Staff Reports Item for Decision
 - (a) Director of Education Performance Review Policy and Procedure and Revised Policy No. 2190, Director of Education Job Description

C. FUTURE BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

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RECOMMENDED ACTION – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

REPORT	FYI	Decision Req.	MOTION
			Call Meeting to order. Roll Call
		$\sqrt{}$	That the agenda be approved as printed.
			Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
Visitor			Marilyn Gouthro, Governance Consultant, Ontario Education Services Corporation
B-1-a Director of Education Performance Review Policy and Procedure and Revised Policy No. 2190, Director of Education Job Description		√ √	(1) That the Committee of the Whole Board approve the adoption of a Director of Education Performance Review Policy and Procedure, as set out in APPENDIX A of Report No. B-1-a, Director of Education Performance Review Policy and Procedure and Revised Policy No. 2190, Director of Education Job Description, dated November 20, 2013. (2) That the Committee of the Whole Board approve the revisions to Policy No. 2190, Director of Education Job Description, as set out in APPENDIX B of Report No. B-1-a, Director of Education Performance Review Policy and Procedure and Revised Policy No. 2190, Director of Education Job Description, dated November 20, 2013.
Future Business			
Adjournment		$\sqrt{}$	Motion to Adjourn

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the

Simcoe County District School Board

FROM: Director of Education

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION PERFORMANCE REVIEW POLICY

AND PROCEDURE AND REVISED POLICY NO. 2190, DIRECTOR OF

EDUCATION JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Background

It is the policy of the Simcoe County District School Board to:

- (1) Ensure accountability for the effective leadership and management of the school system and the effective implementation of its Multi-Year Strategic Plan and Board Improvement Plan.
- (2) Provide the Director of Education with concrete feedback from the elected board on his/her performance to be used as a basis for his/her personal development in the role.

An effective performance review provides a mutual learning opportunity to provide feedback to the Director of Education in a process which strengthens the organization and benefits students.

2. Current Status

The board currently does not have a policy and procedure to help guide trustees during the performance review process. Staff has developed a draft Director of Education Performance Review Policy (APPENDIX A) which contains information from Education Act, and The Ontario Leadership Framework 2013 (APPENDIX B). Further, due to the development of this policy, revisions to Policy No. 2190, Director of Education Job Description has been revised accordingly. The proposed revisions are included in APPENDIX C and the final version of the policy with the revisions is attached as APPENDIX D.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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Approved for submission by:

Kathryn Wallace, Director of Education



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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION 2186 PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND PROCEDURE

1. Rationale

A trusting, mutually respectful and cooperative relationship between the Board of Trustees and its Director of Education with their mutual understanding of the performance outcomes expected of the director and their distinctive roles, lead to effective policy implementation and achievement of the Board's goals.

The Ministry of Education has directed that school boards conduct an evaluation of the performance of the Director of Education (*Education Act* <u>169.1(1)</u>).

2. Purpose

An effective performance review of the Board's Director of Education will:

- Strengthen the organization, making it more cohesive, viable, accountable and proactive in serving the needs of students and the broader school board community;
- Provide a mutual learning opportunity to affirm successful practices and to improve areas of identified needs;
- Reflect a continuous results-oriented and improvement focus for both the Director of Education and the school board;
- Provide a structured opportunity for the director to receive feedback and concerns in a timely and supportive way to facilitate resolution.

3. Policy

It is the policy of the Simcoe County District School Board to:

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- Reflect the goals of the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, and the leadership
 practices described in the System-level Leadership Framework of the Ontario
 Leadership Framework and other goals as mutually agreed by both the Board and
 the Director of Education.
- Provide the Director of Education with concrete feedback on an annual basis from the elected board on his/her performance to be used for his/her personal development in the role.

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4. **Guiding Principles**

The Simcoe County District School Board supports the following guiding principles for the Performance Review process for the Director of Education:

- Characterized throughout by transparency and open communication, balanced by professional confidentiality and respect for all parties;
- Highlights the key role of the Director as the Chief Education Officer for the District to enhance student achievement and success for all children.
- Recognizes that the Director is the Chief Executive Officer. The Director is held accountable for work performed primarily by other staff.
- Emphasizes the need for and requires the use of qualitative and quantitative evidence for evaluation purposes.
- Aligned with the leadership practices described in the System-level Leadership Framework of the Ontario Leadership Framework, the Director of Education's job description as well as the board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan and Board Improvement Plan.
- Provides a mutual learning opportunity to affirm successful practices and to improve areas of identified need.

5. Key Process Elements

The Simcoe County District School Board Performance Review Process will:

- Be completed annually.
- Comply with Ministry of Education requirements.
- Will conclude with a written report, approved by the Board and based on the agreed evidence (data) gathered and includes area(s) for focus and/or improvement in the next year.
- Be based on mutual agreement on the following:
 - The areas to be assessed based on the goals of the board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the Board Improvement Plan, and the leadership practices described in the System-level Leadership Framework of the Ontario Leadership Framework and other goals as mutually agreed by both the Board and the Director of Education.
 - The specific evidence of strategies to achieve goals and indicators of goal implementation.
 - An effective process for discussing and resolving any disagreement between the Board of Trustees and the Director of Education on the process or the written report.
 - o Respect the need for professional confidentiality.

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6. Performance Review Process and Timelines

- 6.1 The Chair of the Board will annually coordinate the performance review process.
- 6.2 At the August Closed Session of the Board, the Director of Education will present his/her work plan which will reflect the mutually agreed-upon key priorities and goals set for the Director of Education as a result of the last performance review process. The evidence and indicators that will be used will align with the Board's Strategic Plan and Board Improvement Plan and reflect leadership practices described in the System-level Leadership of the Ontario Leadership Framework, as well as the Director of Education's Job Description. Trustees will be given the opportunity to ask questions of clarification at the Closed Session meeting in August.
- 6.3 In May of the same school year, in Closed Session of the Board, the Director of Education will present evidence of the specific strategies used to achieve the goals, the indicators of goal implementation and the results achieved. Trustees will be given the opportunity for questions of clarification.
- 6.4 Following the presentation at the May Closed Session of the Board, the Board will discuss the presentation and provide the contents for a performance review report. At the same meeting, the Board will make suggestions regarding the key future priorities and goals for the Director of Education for the next school year from their perspective as a board.
- 6.5 The Chair and Vice-chair will compile and summarize the information and prepare a report.
- 6.6 The board comments found within the report will reflect the consensus of the whole board of trustees.
- 6.7 The Chair and Vice-chair will meet and discuss the performance review with the Director of Education within 2 weeks of the meeting in (6.4).
- 6.8 The Chair will share the written report with the Director prior to the June Closed Session of the Board.
- 6.9 At the June Closed Session of the Board, the Chair's written report will be shared with trustees.
- 6.10 Approval of the performance review report by the Board will occur at the June closed session meeting of the Board.

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7. Confidentiality

To ensure that the process is governed by mutual trust and a genuine concern for improvement in one's work, the data used and the annual review will remain highly confidential. Copies of the performance appraisal report will be restricted to the Director of Education and their personnel file.

References: Education Act The Ontario Leadership Framework 2013

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Leadership is the exercise of influence on organizational members and diverse stakeholders toward the identification and achievement of the organization's vision and goals.

Leadership practices described in the School-level Leadership section of the Ontario Leadership Framework (OLF) are equally useful for both school- and system-level leaders, but those practices are enacted in qualitatively different ways. This placemat of system-level leadership practices adds to those common leadership practices a set of unique practices demanded of system-level leaders organized by the nine characteristics of strong districts outlined in the District Effectiveness Framework (DEF). The practices and personal leaders hip resources below capture how system leaders contribute to the development of strong districts.

Establish broadly shared mission, vision and goals founded on aspirational images of the educated person	Provide coherent instructional guidance	Build district and school staff's capacities and commitments to make informed decisions	Create learning-oriented organizational improvement processes	Provide job-embedded professional learning	Align budgets, time and personnel/policies/ procedures with district mission, vision and goals	Use a comprehensive performance management system for school and district leadership development	Advocate for and support a policy-governance approach to Board of Trustee practices	Nurture productive working relationships with staff and stakeholders
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visioning/direction-setting	assessment instruments,	sources to assist decision	to be evidence-informed	professional learning	resources with district	evidence about	focus on district policy	
process is carried out	instructional practices and	making in the central office	 Set a manageable number of 	opportunities for both	and school improvement	successful leadership	and the achievement	Adopt a service orientation toward schools
 Consult extensively about 	teaching resources	 Insist on the use of the best 	precise targets for district school	teachers and school-level	goals	(e.g. DLF) as a key	of the district's goals	 Develop communication systems and processes throughout the district to keep all
district directions as part of	 Insist on ambitious goals 	available research and other	improvement	leaders, most of it through	Align personnel policies	source of criteria	and priorities (policy	members informed
the process	for teaching and learning	systematically collected	 Include school-level leaders in 	some form of learning	and procedures with the	used for recruiting,	governance model of	 Develop open, accessible and collaborative relationships with principals
Spend sufficient time to	•	evidence to inform decisions	decisions about district-wide	community or on-the-job	district's improvement	selecting, developing and	trustee practice)	 Encourage reciprocal forms of communication with and among schools
and neals (directions) of the	*** ****	Wherever possible	improvement decisions	context	goals	appraising school and	Encourage participation	Promote high levels of interaction among school leaders. These interactions
system are widely known,	improvement decisions	the interpretation and uses	within the district to encourage	networks as the central	structures with the	 Match the capacities of 	in setting broad goals	among school leaders for system improvement
understood and shared by all	 Expect schools to focus on 	of data	regular, reciprocal and extended	mechanism for the	district's improvement	leaders with the needs of	for its use in fulfilling	 Create structures to facilitate reciprocal forms of communication. These
members of the organization	needs of individual as well	 Build system's capacity 	deliberations about improvement	professional development	goals	schools	its policy-setting and	structures and norms should result in deeply interconnected networks of school
Articulate, demonstrate and	as groups of students	and disposition for using	progress within and across	of school-level leaders	 Provide principals with 	 Provide prospective and 	policy-monitoring	and system leaders working together on achieving the system's directions.
priorities and values to staffs	encourage stail to be	to inform as manu doctions as	schools, as well as across the	Align the content of Align the content of	considerable autonomy	existing leaders with	responsibilities	Buffer schools from external distractions to the district's and schools priorities
when visiting schools	boundaries created by	possible	Develop and implement board	the capacities needed	staff	to further develon their	the hoard progress in	ene de
 Embed district directions in 	the district's instructional	 Provide training for principals 	and school improvement plans	for district and school	 Expect and assist schools 	leadership capacities	achieving these broad	Local Community Groups
improvement plans, principal	guidance system	and staff on the use of data	interactively and collaboratively	improvement	to allocate instructional	 Develop realistic plans 	goals	
meetings and other leader-		and research literature to	with school leaders	Require individual staff	resources equitably	for leadership succession		 Routinely consult with community groups on decisions affecting the community
initiated interactions		sustain decision-making	Create structures to facilitate	growth plans to be	e-care response	 Promote co-ordinated 	endoner to a	 Encourage staff to participate directly in community groups
		decision making to school	regular monitoring and remails of	school improvement	-	forms of leadership		Demonstrate the importance the district attaches to its community connections
# Professional		staffs	Acknowledge provincial goals and	priorities		CISCINCACION IN SCHOOLS		Parents
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K W/ 147				improvement plans			~	the home environments of their students
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	Leaders draw upon the personal	ely enact leadership practices
Cognitive Resources	Social Resources	Psychological Resources
 Problem-solving expertise Knowledge of effective school and classroom practices that directly affect student learning Systems Thinking* 	 Perceiving emotions Managing emotions Acting in emotionally appropriate ways 	Optimism Salf-efficacy Resilience
Especially important for system leaders		 Proactivity
		*Especially important for system leaders
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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION 2190
JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Rationale

The Director of Education is both the Chief Education Officer and the Chief Executive Officer of the Simcoe County District School Board. The Director of Education reports directly to the Corporate Board. The Director of Education is accountable to the Board of Trustees and, through Statute, to the Minister of Education for the effective organization and operation of the system in support of student achievement. All Board authority delegated to staff is delegated through the Director of Education.

2. Policy

It is the policy of the Simcoe County District School Board that the Director of Education has the right to do any act or thing or exercise any power that the board may be required to do or exercise except those matters, which in accordance with Ontario legislation, cannot be delegated.

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 legislation or major initiatives must be initially brought to the board for discussion and determination of decision-making authority.

The Simcoe County District School Board delegates to the Director of Education the authority to develop administrative procedures and plans to address the following areas of responsibility:

Areas of Responsibility

1. Student Achievement and Well-Being

- 1.1 Provides advice and leadership to the board to promote clear, consistent, expectations that focus on successful outcomes for students.
- 1.2 Establishes a focus on continuous improvement that is supported by data.
- 1.3 Ensures that students are provided with the appropriate programs and support to meet or exceed the standards of education mandated by the Ministry of Education.

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- 1.4 Ensures that students are provided with a rich variety of programs.
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2. Safe, Supportive Inclusive and Accepting Learning Environment

- 2.1 Ensures a safe and caring environment for students, staff and community.
- 2.2 Provides for the safety of students while being transported to or from school programs by the Simcoe County District School Board.
- 2.3 Ensures collaboration with all community partners (eg. Police, Fire, Children's Aid and Public Health units) with a role in the health and safety of students.
- 2.4 Promotes a culture that reflects the Board's Commit to Character traits and promotes a positive school climate that is inclusive and accepting of all students.
- 2.5 Maintains the conditions that foster respectful and responsible behaviour for each student.

3. Educational Leadership

- 3.1 Provides leadership in all matters relating to education in the system.
- 3.2 Develops and maintains positive and effective relations with staff in schools and board departments.
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4. Fiscal Responsibility

4.1 Ensures that the fiscal management of the system is effective stewardship of board resources in accordance with the Ministry's Funding Model, other applicable grant regulations, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Education Act* and Regulations.

5. Organizational Management

- 5.1 Ensures system compliance with all relevant legislation, Board mandates and timelines.
- 5.2 Reports to the Minister with respect to matters required by the Education Act and Regulations.

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- 7.2 Ensures effective systems are in place for the selection, supervision, and development and performance review of all staff.
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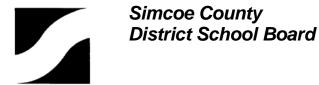
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3. <u>Administrative Procedures</u>

The Director of Education is authorized to provide the administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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