

SUPPORTING TRUSTEE LEARNING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PREAMBLE

The Board of Education recognizes the value of Trustees being well informed on education and governance matters. It is in the Board's interest to have Trustee participation – either individually, or as a group of Trustees, or collectively as the Board – at external educational or governance events when such involvement enhances individual Trustee effectiveness, obtains information for the Board, or provides important representation from the Board.

POLICY

THE BOARD ENCOURAGES AND MAY APPROVE TRUSTEE DEVELOPMENT AT THE INDIVIDUAL AND FULL BOARD LEVEL WITH THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING EFFECTIVENESS OF AN INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEE AND/OR THE BOARD. TRUSTEE PARTICIPATION AT EXTERNAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES AND EVENTS MAY BE SUPPORTED BY BOARD RESOURCES. TRUSTEES MUST MAKE AVAILABLE THEIR FINDINGS AND RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING ATTENDANCE AT SUCH EDUCATIONAL AND/OR GOVERNANCE EVENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. Notices of opportunities for involvement in Trustee- effectiveness activities are to be circulated to all Trustees in advance of the meeting where such involvement is to be determined.
2. Board sponsorship shall be determined before a Trustee becomes involved in any activity or function on behalf of the Board.
3. Efforts will be made to support Trustee attendance at educational events by mitigating or removing barriers to full participation.
4. An account of expenses incurred in attending Board-approved activities or functions is to be presented promptly to the Secretary-Treasurer, or designate, for payment.
5. Trustees shall report their findings and make appropriate recommendations to the Board through:
 - a. an oral report at a meeting, such as a Board meeting, or;
 - b. a written summary report distributed to all Trustees, or;

c. participation in a Board function which deals with the issue or topic of the particular activity or function attended.

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