

**ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION REGARDING BOARD POLICY**

The Governing Board desires to be proactive in communicating its philosophy, priorities, and expectations for the district; clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the Board, Superintendent, and other senior administrators; and setting direction for the district through written policies. However, the Board recognizes that, in the course of operating district schools or implementing district programs, situations may arise which may not be addressed in written policies. When resolution of such issues demands timely action, the Superintendent or designee shall have the authority to act on behalf of the district.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*  
*(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)*  
*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*  
*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*  
*(cf. 2110 - Superintendent Responsibilities and Duties)*  
*(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)*  
*(cf. 93140 - Board Policies)*

In any situation in which immediate action is needed to avoid any risk to the safety or security of district students, staff, or property or disruption to student learning, the Superintendent or designee shall have the authority to act on behalf of the district.

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with other district staff, including the legal counsel and/or the chief business official, regarding the exercise of this authority.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)*

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board as soon as practicable after he/she exercises this authority. The Board president and the Superintendent shall schedule a review of the action at the next regular Board meeting. If the action indicates the need for additions or revisions to Board policies, the Superintendent or designee shall make the necessary recommendations to the Board.

*(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)*  
*(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)*

If the matter involves a policy decision that is likely to be controversial, or a matter that has a significant impact on student learning or safety, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board president as soon as practicable after its occurrence. The Board president shall then inform the Board as appropriate.

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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35010 Control of district, prescription and enforcement of rules

35035 Powers and duties of superintendent

35160 Authority of governing boards

35161 Powers and duties; authority to delegate

35163 Official actions, minutes and journal

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Impact of Local Control Funding Formula on Board Policies, Policy Brief, November 2013

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>