

### **MEMORANDUM**

December 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

**TO** Board of Trustees

FROM Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair

Aimee Hennig, Board Vice-Chair

**ORIGINATOR** Shauna Boyce, Superintendent

**RESOURCE** Policy Review Committee

**GOVERNANCE POLICY** Board Policy 2: Role of the Board

**Board Policy 7: Board Operations** 

Board Policy 8: Board Committees and Representation

Board Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE** BP 2: Governance and Organization

BP 12: Section 5. Policy

**Education Act** 

SUBJECT REVISED BOARD POLICY 11: BOARD DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

#### **PURPOSE**

For approval. A recommendation is required.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Trustees approves Revised Board Policy 11: Board Delegation of Authority, as recommended by the Policy Review Committee and presented at the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2024.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Board of Trustees is responsible for reviewing Board Policies on an ongoing basis to adhere to the requirements necessary to provide excellence in public education and comply with the *Education Act* and provincial, as well as federal, legislation. The following revised policy is in support of this responsibility.

#### **REPORT SUMMARY**

On October 31, 2024, the Policy Review Committee met and reviewed Board Policy (BP) 11: Board Delegation of Authority and drafted a revised BP 11 with the following key changes:

- Updates to authority delegated to superintendents, as per the Education Act; and
- Updates to language for consistency with the *Education Act*.

The revised BP was presented to the Board and discussed at the November 5, 2024 Governance and Planning Session. The Policy Review Committee made further changes to the revised BP based on recommendations from Trustees.

A final review will have been made on December 17, 2024, at the Governance and Planning Session, prior to the Regular Meeting.

The Policy Committee would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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#### Specifically:

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# Revised Board Policy 11: Board Delegation of Authority - FINAL Version

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