

The District Superintendent and his/her Role with School Community Councils

The superintendent, as the Chief Executive Officer of the school district, is accountable for all fiscal matters and is also an instructional leader with responsibility for the overall instruction program in the school district, while staying in compliance with state and federal statutes. At the direction of the local school board, superintendents seek additional funding, allocate resources, engage and inform the community, and promote and maintain a positive and productive school culture for highly qualified teachers and administrators. They coordinate and integrate learning strategies for all programs and assessments universally delivered to the school district and are responsible for the school district in the same way principals are responsible for their schools. The superintendent is responsible to the locally elected school board.

Superintendent and District Responsibilities

- Assist the local board in defining district priorities.
- Elicit feedback from stakeholders regarding school district programs, and other issues relating to the community and learning environment for students.
- Provide general oversight, training opportunities, review of plans, and general operation of school community councils and ensure principals are providing community council training annually.
- Provide data for and participate in school safety and digital citizenship discussion with the council.
- Ensure that the school community councils' plans and reports are within the requirements of law, rule, and the guidelines set by the local board and are reviewed and considered by the local school board for approval.

The School Children's Trust section at the Utah State Board of Education will review the plan for compliance with rule and law, but it is the district/local board responsibility to ensure that goals are academic, student-focused, measurable, based on school assessment data, and implement a component of the school's teacher and student success plan. Expenditures must be spent to implement a data-driven, research-based action plan that will show measured academic success.