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600.3 Poverty Intervention

Policy

The Board is committed to the development of strategies to assist students who live in poverty.

Regulations

1. A Division Poverty Intervention Committee shall be established to provide an advisory role within the Division for supporting students living in poverty. The Poverty Intervention Committee shall:
 - 1.1. be chaired by a Trustee; and
 - 1.2. have a membership as determined in the Terms of Reference reviewed annually by the Board.
2. The Associate Superintendent Instructional Services, or designate, shall take the lead administrative responsibility for supporting poverty intervention including but not limited to:
 - 2.1. identifying schools that have a higher percentage of students living in poverty;
 - 2.2. assessing the impact of any funds allocated to schools;
 - 2.3. reviewing the allocation of funds to each school;
 - 2.4. being involved in the development of poverty initiatives for the Division; and
 - 2.5. keeping a current inventory of programs, services, and best practices offered in the Division.
3. Programs and services that address poverty shall be accessible to all students.
4. The Division shall assist students living in poverty through actions such as:

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- 4.1. accessing and/or allocating additional funds for schools with a high percentage of students living in poverty;
- 4.2. assisting staff to better understand their role in supporting students living in poverty;
- 4.3. establishing school programs and practices that address the well-being of students living in poverty; and
- 4.4. waiving fees for students who are unable to pay.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

References

Division Policies: 503.5 Student Activities, 802.2 Student Fees, Fines and Charges, 1003.2 Partnerships and Sponsorships