



Report to the Board

March 23, 2010

RE: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

Background

The Ministry of Education began operational reviews of school boards across the province in 2007. The purpose of these reviews was to provide opportunities for the ministry and school boards to work together to strengthen business practices and management capacity. On October 14, 2009 the Ministry of Education advised that our Board had been selected to participate in the next wave of operational reviews. Staff provided extensive documentation to the ministry in preparation for onsite interviews, which commenced on December 7, 2009. The scope of the operational review involved the following areas:

- Governance and School Board Administration;
- Human Resource Management and School Staffing/Allocation;
- Financial Management;
- School Operations and Facilities Management.

Attached to this report is a letter from the ministry, dated February 18, 2010, as well as the Operational Review Report.

Comments

The attached Operational Review Report contains the ministry findings and recommendations that resulted from its review of board operations in December 2009. Overall, this report places the board in a very positive light. It is a good news report that recognizes the exceptional leading practices that are followed by board staff in supporting our schools.

Throughout the report you will find a number of leading practices against which each board is measured. If the board employs these practices, the response by the ministry is noted as “Yes”. It is important to note that Dufferin-Peel staff seeks continuous improvement in our practices our operational practices. As a result, many of the leading practices noted as “No”, by the ministry, are currently being addressed and are “in-progress”.

The following summarizes how Dufferin-Peel measured up with “yes” and “in-progress” results related to the total number of leading practices:

- Governance and School Board Administration – 11 of 11
- Human Resource Management and School Staffing/Allocation – 28 of 29
- Financial Management – 38 of 39
- School Operations and Facilities Management – 33 of 35

The operational review resulted in 19 recommendations of which staff are either implementing or continuing with 18 of them.

The ministry operational review team will conduct a follow-up review in one year.

This report will be posted on the board's website and shared with various community partners via eCommunity and other distribution channels.

Recommendation

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| <p>1. THAT THIS REPORT, ENTITLED "MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT", BE RECEIVED.</p> |
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Date: March 12, 2010

Attachments