



**Division Foundational Statements**

Policy References	Policy Development Tracking
<b>External:</b> Education Act: Sections 85, 87  <b>Internal:</b>	<b>Adopted:</b> June 28, 2011  <b>Amended:</b> October 18, 2016

**Mandate**

Through the Education Act, the Minister of Education has vested in the Board of Education the power and authority to govern the Division. Accordingly, the mandate of the Board is to provide students and parents of the Division appropriate learning opportunities delivered within the context of the Board’s vision, mission and guiding principles. The development and implementation of policies, procedures, practices and programs shall reflect and promote everyone’s right to equal concern and respect.

**Vision**

Success for all.

**Mission**

Learning Together.

**Guiding Principles**

Success in Sun West School Division is achieved through commitment to shared values:

**1. ACCOUNTABILITY**

We value individual and organizational accountability.

We champion responsibility toward each other as individuals, as governing bodies, schools and communities.

**2. RESPECT**

We value a culture of mutual respect, trust and understanding.

We champion the creation of safe, positive, caring environments.

**3. COOPERATION**

We value cooperative and collaborative relationships which promote responsible citizenship and the appreciation of a rural culture.

We strive to be approachable, active listeners who openly share information, express our ideas, and attempt to understand the ideas of others.

#### **4. LIFE LONG LEARNING**

We value teaching the whole child in learning environments that develop the student's potential. We strive to provide meaningful, creative, and innovative learning opportunities.

#### **5. LEADERSHIP**

We value responsible leadership which is committed to creating and maintaining a positive, productive and unified Division.

We strive for excellence in teamwork and shared effective leadership in our Division.

### **Board Goals**

#### **1. LEADERSHIP**

To maintain a unified Board which leads with a proactive approach, innovative thinking, is accountable for its actions and is knowledgeable about educational issues.

#### **2. EDUCATION FUNDING**

To achieve fair and equitable funding for education.

#### **3. GOVERNANCE**

To govern through strategic Board governance which includes alignment with the Division's needs and monitored through a focus on outcomes.

#### **4. PARTNERSHIPS**

To continue to seek partnerships that enhance the educational opportunities for students.

#### **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

To implement the Board communications strategy to effectively inform and engage staff, School Community Councils and the public, and promote the Division through effective public relations.

### **System Goals**

Our shared Board and system goals are aligned with the Ministry of Education's priorities:

#### **1. Higher Literacy and Achievement, Equitable Opportunities and Smooth Transitions for Students**

To have programming which meets the diverse needs of our student learners and support for staff to provide a positive learning environment.

#### **2. Governance and Accountability**

To provide support for School Community Councils and the successful implementation of all Public Sector Accounting Board practices (PSAB) for management of fiscal resources.

#### **3. Facilities**

To provide and maintain safe and pleasing facilities and grounds in the Division.

#### **4. Communications**

To practice good communications processes as an integrated part of all Division matters.

#### **5. Transportation**

To ensure students and families receive safe and appropriate transportation services.

#### **6. Technology**

To have a secure network and access to technological communication supports to enhance learning and the functioning of the Division.

#### **7. Human Resources**

To ensure the recruitment, retention, administration of agreements and mentoring of all staff follows best personnel practices.

#### **Logo**



#### **Description**

The primary image of the sun is supported and highlighted by another circle representing the framework of education in the province. The golden sun that overlays the circle depicts hope for a bright future for all as part of the learning experiences in the Division. The words "School Division" form the stable base which supports the Division's learning energy. The celebratory figure in the centre conveys the success that comes from the freedom and safety to explore ideas, and is further reflected in the handwritten tagline, "Success for all."