

Bylaws

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0133.1 DISTRICT INVESTIGATIONS

In evaluating the effectiveness of Board policy in meeting the goals of the District, the Board may request the Superintendent make appropriate inquiries, investigations, and reports. The Superintendent at times may initiate or receive reports as it pertains to students and/or staff members that require an investigation. Any investigation shall have a timeline for completion. All investigations conducted, are to be reported to the Board of Education at the respective next scheduled meeting unless such reporting could compromise the effectiveness of the investigation.

All investigations shall include a reasonable date for completion. The initial date for completion shall be thirty (30) days unless exceptional circumstances exist. In the case of exceptional circumstances, an appropriate date for completion of the investigation shall be stipulated. If the investigation is extended from the initial completion date, the Board shall be notified and a new completion date shall be set.

A projected cost of the investigation shall be included in the first notice to the Board if an outside investigator is retained. The cost of the outside investigator may be increased and the Board promptly advised of such increase and new projected total cost which is subject to Board approval.

A monthly update shall be given to the Board until the end of the investigation. An estimated costs associated with the investigation shall also be included in the updates (if an outside investigator is conducting the investigation). The Board may waive these reports.

This bylaw shall not apply to the State, County, or Federal law enforcement investigations, Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance investigations, investigations that by law must be confidential, and any other investigation that in the public interest requires confidentiality.

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