



## **Policy Review Schedule for 2020/2021 – 2023/24 School Years**

**To:** Governance and Policy Committee

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### **Strategic Directions**

- Transform Student Learning
- Create a Culture for Student and Staff Well-Being
- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs
- Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships Within School Communities to Support Student Learning and Well-Being

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Policy Review Schedule for the 2020/21 – 2023/24 School Years, as presented in Appendix A to this report, be approved.

### **Context**

In accordance with the Policy Framework (P001) and the Policy Development and Management Procedure (PR501), Board policies are required to be reviewed at a minimum every four years. Certain policies are legislatively mandated to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Policy reviews are carried out in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule that is approved by the Board of Trustees and updated annually upon recommendation by Executive Council and the Governance and Policy Committee.

On October 28, 2020, the Governance and Policy Committee considered the draft Policy Review Schedule for the 2020/21 – 2023/24 school years. The Schedule was based on priorities identified in the Multi-Year Strategic Plan, legislative requirements, directives of the Ministry of Education, and Board decisions. The Schedule included 28 policies targeted for the review and development during the 2020/21 school year.

The Committee expressed concern that the target number of reviews scheduled for the 2020/21 school year might be unattainable given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the Committee instructed staff to reconsider and reduce the number of policies for the 2020/21 school year and bring back a revised Policy Review Schedule.

The revised Policy Review Schedule (Appendix A) includes 16 policies for the 2020/21 school year. Policies that were moved from the 2020/21 to the 2021/22 are highlighted in the Schedule appended.

When revising the list of policies targeted for review/development in the current school year, staff identified priorities applicable to the Policy Review Schedule and also took into consideration the progress achieved to date, expected completion timelines, and the operational and staff requirements to meet the completion deadlines. The draft Policy Review Schedule was reviewed and approved by Executive Council on January 5, 2021.

This schedule is reviewed annually and adjusted as needed. It is expected that the Policy Review Schedule will be reviewed in the spring-summer cycle in view of the COVID-19 pandemic impact and will be adjusted accordingly, particularly beyond the current school year.

The revised Policy Review Schedule for the 2020/21 – 2023/24 school years is presented for Committee’s consideration and approval.

## **Action Plan and Associated Timeline**

Subject to Committee’s approval, the Policy Review Schedule for the 2020/21 – 2023/24 school years will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

## **Resource Implications**

No additional resources will be required for implementation of the Policy Review Schedule.

## **Communications Considerations**

Following approval by the Board of Trustees, the 2020/21 – 2023/24 Policy Review Schedule will be communicated to the system, posted on the Board’s public website, and communicated to the Board’s community advisory committees, Student Senate, and unions/professional associations.

## **Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)**

- Policy Framework (P001)
- Policy Development and Management (PR501)

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A – Policy Review Schedule (2020/21 – 2023/24)

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