SELF-ASSESSED PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS

School District Board Governance Examinations - SD75 Mission

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Comments

We thank you for your follow-up email. In response to the Recommendations, please see below.

Outstanding Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

SELF-ASSESSED STATUS

Recommendation 1: Ensure that management provides information to the board about the school district and its operations that is sufficient, appropriate, readily available and useful for supporting effective decision making.

Partially implemented

Actions taken, results and/or actions planned

This is going well. We have a Superintendent of Schools who practices inclusion and cooperation at all staff levels. Superintendent Fletcher continues to encourage these philosophies as we all work together to improve education for Mission students. This has made task forces and committees a valuable contribution to accommodate the workload and also to create ownership of initiatives.

Recommendation 2: Ensure that management has a financial management framework in place, including well-designed and effective internal controls.

Partially implemented

Actions taken, results and/or actions planned

We have well qualified personnel in place who are responsible for our financial framework. We have hired an Assistant Secretary Treasurer who is being trained for succession. Our staff not only are now providing us with detailed financial information but are available to clearly answer all of our questions.

Recommendation 3: Review its governance activities continually and ensure that it is sufficiently delegating operational activities to management.

Partially implemented

Actions taken, results and/or actions planned

In this area we continue to work to clearly draw lines between oversight and micro-managing. We are in the process of aligning our committee structures to the suggestions made by the Audit Team. Historic mandates were located by our new Executive Assistant and we have nearly completed work on updating these.

I believe this structure and the updated mandates will be very helpful to continue to support this work.

All information has been provided by the organization and has not been audited.