

DID YOU KNOW?

The Educational Project

The Governing Board

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This bulletin, the third of six produced by the Ministère de l'Éducation to help you deepen your understanding of the governing board, will answer frequently asked questions about the **educational project**.

Suggested schedule

Spring 2022: Review of the development of the educational project carried out by the school team and the governing board

Fall 2022: Beginning of the development process under the direction of the principal or director of the educational institution

Spring 2023: Tabling of the school service centre's commitment-to-success plan (CSP)

Fall 2023: Adoption of the educational project by the governing board, transmission to the school service centre and dissemination in the education community

Definition of the educational project

The educational project is a strategic tool that makes it possible for an educational institution to define and make known to all its partners, the orientations, priority actions and expected results needed to ensure the educational success of all students, young people and adults.

The educational project:

- is intended to mobilize all stakeholders to achieve the established targets for success
- is developed in collaboration and in conjunction with the entire community of an educational institution
- is based on an analysis of the situation in the educational institution and on its students' needs
- runs concurrently with the strategic plan of the MEQ and the CSP
- is consistent with the objectives of the CSP

Structure of the educational project

- The context and main issues facing the educational institution
- The orientations and objectives designed to improve educational success
- The targets to be attained by the end of the period in question
- The indicators to be used to gauge the extent to which the objectives and targets have been attained
- The schedule for evaluating the educational project determined in conjunction with the school service centre

Roles and powers of the governing board

The governing board:

- analyzes the situation in the educational institution and fosters the participation of all stakeholders concerned with student success
- adopts the educational project and oversees its implementation and evaluation
- makes the educational project public and reports on the progress made in implementing it
- fosters respect for the principle of equal opportunity by means of the educational project

Process involved in developing an educational project

Examples of questions to ask before developing an educational project:

- How will the governing board communicate its information needs to the administration throughout the development of the educational project?
- How can the governing board bring the education community together to reflect on the educational project process?
 - If there is a parent participation organization (PPO) in the educational institution, how can it take part in the reflection process?
 - Which school partners could help to foster student retention and success?

Process involved in developing an educational project (cont.)

Examples of questions to ask before developing an educational project:

- What place will be reserved for daycare services in the educational project?
- How can the differences in the realities experienced by the families be taken into account in the educational project?

Follow-up of the educational project

Examples of questions to ask in the years following the adoption of the new educational project:

- How will the orientations of the educational project be communicated to the various stakeholders concerned?
- How have the decisions of the governing board affected the objectives of the educational project?
- Where are we with respect to the overall success of our students?
- What adjustments can we make to the educational project in order to attain its targets?
- How have our actions helped narrow the gap between students' success rates?

Additional sources of information

- Information sheet 5 of the compulsory training for governing board members
- Guide for the educational project (in French only)

For any questions you may have or to inform us about your needs or ideas for improvement, please write to us at the following address:

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