



First Supervisory District of Suffolk County  
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# Board Policy

## **Powers and Duties of the District Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer**

Component school districts expect Eastern Suffolk BOCES administrators to provide regional educational leadership. This expectation is rooted in the organization's role as a regional educational service agency responding to district demands for shared services, as well as the link to the State Education Department through the District Superintendency.

The District Superintendent shall act as the Executive Officer of the Board and possess the power to discharge the duties defined in Education Law. He/she is also an officer of the New York State Education Department and has those powers and duties assigned by the law and the Commissioner of Education.

The Chief Operating Officer shall provide executive leadership for all programs and services, as well as the administrative infrastructure of the organization. The Chief Operating Officer shall be responsible to the District Superintendent, and ESBOCES employees shall be responsible to the Chief Operating Officer, through an appropriate supervisory structure, for all services and support of component school districts.

The Chief Operating Officer, with the consent of the District Superintendent, shall report to the Board upon the implementation of the policies adopted by the BOCES and may present for consideration such changes and amendments as he/she believes to be desirable or necessary. Unless otherwise provided by a Board policy, the District Superintendent or the Chief Operating Officer or designee shall have the power to take administrative action.

The District Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer shall attend all meetings of the Board and shall act in an advisory capacity on all matters. In all emergency situations not specifically designated herein, the District Superintendent shall have the power to act in accordance with his/her best judgment. In the absence of the District Superintendent, the Chief Operating Officer shall assume responsibility for administrative decisions, provided, however, that the Chief Operating Officer shall not be authorized to perform those functions limited by Education Law §2215 solely to the District Superintendent. In the absence of the Chief Operating Officer, the Deputy Superintendent or Associate Superintendent shall assume responsibility for administrative decisions.

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