

## ADVISORIES

Directors of Education work with a multitude of issues and a variety of staff representing many different sectors in the world of learning. They are responsible for program implementation and delivery, curriculum strength, effectiveness of staff, student safety, parent engagement, governance relationships, labour relations, facilities and maintenance and for the provision of a warm and inviting climate that offers students a sense of belonging and a desire to learn.

Directors are selected for their expertise, for their record of constant involvement and willingness to lead. They demonstrate an ability to manage, to know school cultures and to solve problems. Directors participate in many professional development activities and learn from the experience of their colleagues.

As an association, the Council of Ontario Directors of Education provides support services to its members. This includes sharing of best practices and practical information to enhance job performance. All leaders in education look to best practices. There is always value in knowing how someone else has performed a task or solved an issue.

The busy administrator has little time to peruse lengthy commentary during a filled work week. With this in mind, CODE has developed a series of advisories to assist senior administrators. These brief statements on practical aspects of administration and student learning are concise and based on the experience of practitioners. They include a historical and political perspective where needed, information that is pertinent, resources available and electronic links that will be of use. Professionals experienced in the role of senior administration develop the CODE Advisories. Each Advisory has been vetted by current practitioners before going to final design and approval. The content is based on factual information from many sources and offers opinions and advice consistent with CODE experience.

It is hoped that these Advisories will be of use and provide a reference for professionals. The Council of Ontario Directors of Education will attempt to update the content regularly as time goes on.

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