

## **The District Superintendent and their Role with School Community Councils**

The superintendent, as the Chief Executive Officer of the school district, is accountable for all fiscal matters and is also an instructional leader with responsibility for the overall instruction program in the school district. Instruction is, after all, the major reason school districts were created. Superintendents seek additional funding, allocate resources, engage the community, and provide an attractive place for highly qualified teachers and administrators. They coordinate all programs and assessments universally delivered to the school district, and are responsible for the school district in the same way principals are responsible for their schools. And although they too collaborate with other interested parties where possible, they are responsible to the entire community as well as the locally elected school board.

### ***Superintendent and District Responsibilities***

- *Make district priorities and district school improvement plans, including professional development and reading achievement plans available to schools in order that the school plans support the academic goals of the district. 53A-3-701(3)(a), 53A-1-606.5(3)(a)*
- *Receive advice and recommendations from the school community councils regarding the school and its programs, school district programs, and other issues relating to the community environment for students. 53A-1a-108 (3)(iv)*
- *In consultation with district schools, set the beginning date of the term of office for members of the school community council. 53A-1a-108(5)(g)(i).*
- *Provide general oversight, training, review of plans, and general operation of school community councils. R277-491-2(B)*
- *Ensure that plans the school community councils are responsible for are considered by the local school board for approval.*
- *Report plan approval dates for to the Utah State Office of Education. R277-491-6(l)*