

Staff vs. Football Program

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Standard 6

A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

Knowledge:

The administrator has knowledge and understanding of:

- The political, social, cultural, economic systems, and processes that impact schools
- Resolution as applied to the larger political, social, cultural and economic contexts of schooling.

Disposition:

The administrator believes in, values, and is committed to:

- Recognizing a variety of ideas, values, and cultures
- Importance of a continuing dialogue with other decision makers affecting education

Performance:

- The environment in which schools operate is influenced on behalf of students and their families
- Communication occurs among the school community concerning trends, issues, and potential changes in the environment in which schools operate
- Lines of communication are developed with decision makers outside the school community

Scenario:

As superintendent of the school district, you have been asked to present a proposed budget cut of 10% across all areas within the school district. The school board is aware of the need to cut extra-curricular programs. In recent year, the football program has been a total disaster. There has been a new coach each year for the past seven years. Students are not interested in participating and have found new interest in the soccer program and finding employment after school hours to help pay for the insurance on their vehicles. The current football coach is not returning and it looks like you might have a plan to present to the board and staff.

Assignment

1. How will you begin to understand the importance of the football program in the culture of your district?
2. Who will you need to talk with to understand the importance of maintaining or eliminating the football program?
3. How will you communicate the change in culture in this school to staff and community members?
4. Describe the steps you will take to keep the community involved in this change.
5. How will you gather information about various programs to achieve a 10% reduction across the board?