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**OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANTS**

The Superintendent shall be responsible for recognizing and anticipating the changing needs of the District and for developing programs designed to meet those needs. It is recognized that District personnel, however well qualified, may not possess the specific knowledge and technical expertise to enable the best possible program design and implementation. Therefore, the use of out-of-district consultants is endorsed when their services will make a significant and economically sound contribution to District operations.

The appropriate division head, in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, shall determine when a task justifies the engagement of an out-of-district consultant.

The Chief Operating Officer is the authorized representative in all procurement matters pertaining to or proposed for the purchase or lease of supplies, equipment and services.

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