**DAWSON SPRINGS INDEPENDENT DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION**

**CLASS TITLE: SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT Class Code: 7761**

**BASIC FUNCTION:**

Perform highly responsible and complex secretarial and administrative assistance duties; exercise independent judgment in assisting the Superintendent in administrative details, requiring considerable knowledge, use and interpretation of District policies and procedures; coordinate and oversee the preparation of the Board agenda; organize and oversee the work of office staff.

**REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:**

* Assist the Superintendent with administrative matters; interview callers, exercising considerable judgment and applying experience in making decisions; provide information in accordance with established procedures and policies; refer problems requiring technical answers to appropriate administrators.
* Coordinate preparation of the Board of Education agenda; assure proper content, format, order and supporting documentation; confer with submitting departments as needed regarding revisions and corrections; incorporate materials into resolution form for presentation to the Board; attend Board meetings.
* Oversee and coordinate the preparation of official minutes of Board meetings; maintain official record of the minutes.
* Provide assistance to the Board of Education as needed, including research of policy questions and coordination of Board requests and activities; maintain subject indexes of Board actions for historical and reference purposes; maintain other records required by policy, regulations or law.
* Maintain Superintendent's calendar; arrange for meetings of the Superintendent with various groups both within and outside the District.
* Conduct initial interviews on the phone or in person with students, teachers and parents; answer questions, refer to appropriate staff member and schedule appointment with the Superintendent; receive and resolve complaints as appropriate or refer matters to proper personnel.
* Screen and route the Superintendent's incoming correspondence; indicate coverage and action required; follow up to assure prompt response or action, consulting, as necessary, with legal advisors and other administrators.
* Take and transcribe dictation including information regarding confidential matters; attend a variety of meetings and record proceedings in a prescribed manner.
* Organize and coordinate the work of office staff; establish and revise clerical priorities in accordance with schedules and time lines; assure conformance with established procedures and standards of quality.
* Remain current concerning issues, situations and conditions of special interest to the Superintendent and Board members.
* Attend and participate in a variety of administrative meetings.
* Exercise discretion in disseminating information, explaining policies and procedures and speaking as directed for the Superintendent in personal and telephone contacts and meetings.

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**REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES - continued:**

* Research records and obtain information from other offices and agencies as necessary to perform assigned duties.
* Compose effective correspondence independently; reference policies, rules and regulations in preparing correspondence; review and edit material prepared by others.
* Conduct research of problems and situations, consulting with involved staff members, investigating policies and procedures and gathering background materials; prepare reports involving research as directed for use by the Superintendent.
* Consult with District personnel and others concerning specific issues and situations.
* Perform a variety of general secretarial duties including sorting and routing mail; receive and refer telephone calls; operate computer, copier, dictation equipment, electronic typewriter and recording machines and equipment as required.
* Perform related duties as assigned.

**KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:**

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**

* Principles, practices and procedures utilized in an administrative office.
* District organization, operations, policies and objectives.
* Applicable sections of Kentucky Administrative Regulations and other applicable laws.
* Modern office practices, procedures and equipment.
* Telephone techniques and etiquette.
* Record-keeping techniques.
* Correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation and vocabulary.
* Oral and written communication skills.
* Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.

**ABILITY TO:**

* Perform highly responsible and complex secretarial and administrative assistance duties in support of the Superintendent.
* Exercise independent judgment in assisting the Superintendent in administrative details, requiring considerable knowledge, use and interpretation of District policies and procedures.
* Attend Board of Education meetings and take minutes.
* Prepare minutes for meetings of the Board of Education.
* Compile and prepare agendas for management and other meetings.
* Read, interpret, explain and follow rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
* Establish and maintain a variety of complex and confidential files and records.
* Organize and oversee the work of office staff.
* Compose effective correspondence independently.
* Operate a variety of office equipment including computer terminal.
* Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
* Type at an acceptable rate of speed.
* Take and transcribe dictation at an acceptable rate of speed.
* Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
* Make arithmetic calculations with speed and accuracy.
* Understand and work within scope of authority.

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**ABILITY TO - continued:**

* Meet schedules and time lines.
* Work confidentially with discretion.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

Any combination equivalent to: high school diploma, G.E.D. Certificate or demonstrated progress toward obtaining a G.E.D. as required by Kentucky law and five years of responsible and varied secretarial experience including two years of experience performing secretarial work for an administrative official.