

THREE ESSENTIAL ROLES IN AN ALIGNED SCHOOL SYSTEM

Strategic Role

- Board and Superintendent
- Big Picture...View from 50,000 feet
- Overlooks the entire system and sees how the parts relate to the whole
- Focuses on representing the community's needs and interests
- Looks to the long term...usually 3-5 years
- Provides overall structure for district-wide goals
- Sets clear targets for overall goals
- Works ON macro system

Superintendent

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Tactical Role

- Superintendent and Leadership Team
- Sees the wide picture...View from 10,000 feet
- Coordinates the component parts of the organization
- Overlooks the schools and departments
- Focuses on working directly with internal/external customers (faculty and staff, parents, community & students)
- Looks out 1-2 years
- Provides structure at the campus and department level
- Creates and deploys plans that will lead to improvement
- Depending on the situation, the person may work either ON the macro system or IN a micro system

Administrator

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Operational Role

- Instructional & Operational Leaders and Front-Line Staff
- Focuses on the ground level picture...what is happening day to day
- Coordinates a specific part of the organization
- Overlooks a classroom, department or teaching team
- Focuses primarily on the students and parents
- Looks days or weeks out...sometimes looking at the full year during planning sessions
- Provides structure at the classroom level
- Refines and adjusts plans so that improvement will result
- Works IN micro system

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