



Superintendent:	uperintendent:    Jeffrey Schoonover    Summary – 5 Responses				March 1	1, 2019	9	
Evaluator:		Name Signature				Da	ate	
Step 1: Assess Progress	Toward Goa	ls (Complete page	3 first; check one t	for each set of goal[s].)				
Professional Practice (	Goal(s)	☐ Did Not Meet	☐ Some Progress	1 of 5 Significant Progress	4 of 5	Met	☐ Exce	eded
Student Learning Goal	l(s)	☐ Did Not Meet	☐ Some Progress	1 of 5 Significant Progress	3 of 5	Met <mark>1</mark>	of 5 Exc	ceeded
District Improvement G	Goal(s)	☐ Did Not Meet	☐ Some Progress	1 of 5 Significant Progress	4 of 5	Met	☐ Exce	eded
Step 2: Assess Performa	nce on Stand	⊐ dards (Complete pa	nges 4–7 first; then	check one box for each	standa	rd.)		
Unsatisfactory = Performance on a stabelow the requirements of a standard o Needs Improvement/Developing = Pe Unsatisfactory at the time. Improvemen Proficient = Proficient practice is und Exemplary = A rating of Exemplary ind	or overall and is consider erformance on a standat it is necessary and ex derstood to be fully	dered inadequate, or both. dard or overall is below the requepected. For new superintender satisfactory. This is the rigor	uirements of a standard or over this, performance is on track to cous expected level of perform	rall but is not considered to be achieve proficiency within three years.	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
Standard I: Instruction	al Leadership						4 of 5	1 of 5
Standard II: Managem	ent and Operation	ons				2 of 5	3 of 5	
Standard III: Family an	nd Community Er	ngagement					5 of 5	
Standard IV: Profession	onal Culture						5 of 5	

## **End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation Report: Superintendent**



Step 3: Rate Overall Summative Performance (Based on Step 1 and Step 2 ratings; check one.)								
Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Needs Improvement 5 of 5 Pro		Exemplary				
Step 4: Rate Impact on Stude	nt Learning (Check only one.)		Low	Moderate 2 of 4	High 2 of 4			

#### **Step 5: Add Evaluator Comments**

Comments and analysis are recommended for any rating but are required for an overall summative rating of *Exemplary*, *Needs Improvement* or *Unsatisfactory* or Impact on Student Learning rating of *high* or *low*.

#### **Comments:**

- 1. As each year passes the accomplishments of Mr. Schoonover, his administrators and staff continues to impress. He heads up a high performing team that is focused on student achievement and well-being, staff professional development and fiscal responsibility. They are able to maintain a focus on long-range goals while being able to pivot and meet the current more immediate needs when they arise. The team's ability to turn their attention and address the community outcry for safer schools resulted in one of the safest school districts in the Commonwealth. They made immediate changes when they could and delivered well thought out solutions as time and finances allowed.
- 2. It is my pleasure to work with Mr. Schoonover and his team and enjoy the successes for his team, administrators, staff, students and community.
- 3. In December 2017, Superintendent Schoonover was notified our district was being considered for a Middle School building project by the MSBA. After this notification Superintendent Schoonover displayed his ability to efficiently organize a team, gather data, hold an open house of the Middle School to enlist stakeholders in the town and present at the May Town Meeting for the citizens of Somerset. This preventative was voted in the affirmative to finance the feasibility study of the Middle School. This was exceptional with the limited time frame and difficult financial situation the Town of Somerset is under with loss of tax revenue. He and his team were able to solidify support and justify the immediate need for the investment by the town.
- 4. In 2018, by direction of Superintendent Schoonover, a Safety Risk assessment was conducted on our schools and specific items were identified and addressed at each of our schools. Superintendent Schoonover again displayed his ability to work cohesively with the Somerset Police Chief, School Committee, Safety Committee and stakeholders with addressing numerous capital improvements in a short period of time that ranged from general construction, personnel (SRO), technology and updating the crisis response manual.
- 5. Overall the Superintendent performed very well in the 2018 school year. The security improvements showed that the Superintendent is committed to the safety and security of the schools. The security improvements also showed that the Supt. is willing to listen to all

- stakeholders. His open and upfront communication helped with the quick and easy process. The security improvements have made the District schools much safety and conducive to further learning.
- 6. The Supt continues to assist in the new schedule at the Middle School that allows more structure at the middle school level. The Supt has led by example and moved the District forward. The Supt has shown that he is open to any and all new initiatives.
- 7. Due to budgetary restraints the progress of the technology aspect may not permeate down into elementary schools. The one to one plan and the expansion of the internet are important aspects of the Supt plan. I would like to see future expansion of the program and technology aspect.
- 8. Overall Mr. Schoonover had led this district forward. He goes above and beyond in his commitment to ensure our students and staff have the best of what they need to succeed within the perimeters of the school budget. He is highly visible in our schools and is always professional in his response to parents, staff questions/concerns and remains composed during high conflict situations. Going forward, I would like to see an improvement from Mr. Schoonover on advocating strongly at our SC meetings on topics where he needs the SC support.
- 9. Last year Mr. Schoonover laid a solid instruction plan but after the scores were received from the state it still seems that Somerset is still being compared to state average. This is unacceptable because the cost of education is being increased but the scores are not representing the investment. I would like to see reports presented to the committee and public on how the classes are progressing. Last year's report should show how this grade level compared to last.
- 10. Management and operations are alarming at times. During negotiations I was very concerned that months had flown by and there was no direction given on how the administration wanted the schedule to be. Though a plan may have been in place it was never shared with the committee. Many times, I left the negotiations concerned that the administration had no plan what the schedule should be and was waiting until both sides met. This could have caused some delays to the process along with administration in some of the schools picking STA members to serve when the STA wanted to choose its members. I do not believe the superintendent is holding his senior leadership accountable when this issue arises.
- 11. Though Mr. Schoonover has focused time on community engagement I feel that the community is not being asked for feedback on certain important areas in children's learning. Mr. Schoonover mentioned a lesson was learned from the middle school schedule that engaging the community for feedback will result in a smoother transition. This should be a practice for other topics like special education, redistricting, transportation, etc...
- 12. Professional Culture in the buildings do have some challenges but I believe the Superintendent now takes action much sooner than before. I would love to see the Superintendent have more one on ones with staff to have a better sense on the culture. This will also help evaluate his senior leadership team.

# **Superintendent's Performance Goals**



Goals should be SMART and include at least one goal for each category: professional practice, student learning, and district improvement. Check one box for each goal.

Goal(s)	Description	Did Not Meet	Some Progress	Significant Progress	Met	Exceeded
Professional Practic	ce					
1	MSBA Building Project: Create a school building committee, the Somerset Middle School Feasibility Study and further district elementary school planning.			1 of 4	2 of 4	1 of 4
Student Learning		1		I.	I.	l
2	<b>Technology Integration</b> : Develop and implement a multi-year technology plan that enhances teaching and learning for all students through a meaningful and purposeful integration of technology while providing SPS with a long-range plan for technology implementation.			2 of 4	2 of 4	
District Improvement	nt					
3	Somerset Middle School Schedule: Review the existing master schedule at Somerset Middle School and identify options for improvement and timeline for implementation			2 of 4	2 of 4	
4	School Security: Identify and implement security measures strengthen the safety of students and staff in each school			2 of 4	1 of 4	1 of 4
5	Social and Emotional Learning (SEL): Review current practices and develop an implementation plan for teaching and learning of social and emotional learning competencies			2 of 4	2 of 4	

# **Superintendent's Performance Rating for Standard I: Instructional Leadership**



Chec	ck one box for each indicator and	indicate the overall standard rating below.		Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-A.		ructional staff design effective and rigorous stan sons with measureable outcomes.	dards-based units of instruction		1 of 4	3 of 4	
I-B.		es in all settings reflect high expectations regard re personalized to accommodate diverse learning	<del>-</del>			5 of 5	
I-C.	I-C. Assessment: Ensures that all principals and administrators facilitate practices that propel personnel to use a variety of formal and informal methods and assessments to measure student learning, growth, and understanding and make necessary adjustments to their practice when students are not learning.					3 of 5	1 of 5
I-D.	Evaluation: Ensures effective and contract provisions.	d timely supervision and evaluation of all staff in	alignment with state regulations and			5 of 5	
I-E.		Uses multiple sources of evidence related to stund growth data—to inform school and district goess, and student learning.			1 of 5	3 of 5	1 of 5
	Overall Rating for Standard I (Check one.)  The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success of all staff by cultivating a shar vision that makes powerful teaching and learning the central focus of schooling.						shared
	☐ Unsatisfactory ☐ Needs Improvement 3 of 4 Proficient 1 of 4 Exemplary						

#### Comments and analysis (recommended for any overall rating; required for overall rating of Exemplary, Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory):

- 1. Instruction: placed proficient because this reflects the majority of students. I need more information on how we are accommodating diverse learning styles to our struggling students and which methods are successful to be utilized going forward.
- 2. Mr. Schoonover is highly visible at student activities, events, attends every SC meeting and is excellent with keeping the SC informed on district goals, initiatives and accomplishments of the school district which has been demonstrated consistently and commendably.
- 3. There is a need for improvement on increased communication with school councils, PTOs or holding a forum with parents on topics where there are concerns. I would like to see more of this pro-active measure. Public concerns to the SC or at a SC meeting should be a last resort, especially if it is on topics not in our purview.
- 4. Instructional leadership is definitely an absolute strong point for Jeff and his team. The various strategies that have been implemented in the K-5 level have laid the groundwork for stronger middle school students. The 6-8 schedule change negotiated in the last contract will allow for the rapid implementation of key measures to improve student learning and achievement. The team is taking steps to further analyze the student data this year to provide fact-based initiatives to provide students with the appropriate interventions.

- 5. In coordination with the administration team, Superintendent Schoonover advocated for additional school adjustment counselors in the K-8 district and training was provided on Responsive Classroom strategies. Since this training the Middle School has seen a considerable decrease in student conduct referrals.
- 6. In 2018 Superintendent Schoonover and his team have continued to build on their "learning walk" practice in an effort to provide effective constructive feedback to teachers and evaluation of curriculum to ensure they strive for continued improvements. This was a culture shift with the direction of Superintendent Schoonover and is a display of his continued strive for excellence for our district.
- 7. Supt Schoonover has improved the use of data-driven decision-making. I noted that his ideas were policy-driven and based on facts from multi-year plans. Utilizing a multi-year helped the Supt promote growth and learning among students. I would like to see the PD continue to grow among the teachers. Learning shall permeate as the focus of the school and administration.
- 8. In this area there is much more improvement needed... It is with understanding that the Superintendent has a limited role in this area because of his curriculum team in place. The Supt may want to consider receiving feedback from the staff once new items are being put in place. Jeff continues to pop in during strategy sessions which I hope continues but possibly stay through a session occasionally.

Examples of evidence superintendent might provide:	

Goals progress report	Analysis of staff evaluation data	Relevant school committee meeting agendas/materials
Analysis of classroom walk-through data	Report on educator practice and student learning goals	Analysis of leadership team(s) agendas and/or feedback
Analysis of district assessment data	Student achievement data	Protocol for school visits
Sample of district and school improvement plans	Analysis of student feedback	Other:
and progress reports	Analysis of staff feedback	



### Superintendent's Performance Rating for Standard II: Management and Operations

Check one box for each indicator and indicate the overall standard rating below.	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-A. Environment: Develops and executes effective plans, procedures, routines, and operational systems to address a full range of safety, health, emotional, and social needs.		1 of 5	4 of 5	
II-B. Human Resources Management and Development: Implements a cohesive approach to recruiting, hiring, induction, development, and career growth that promotes high-quality and effective practice.		1 of 4	3 of 4	
II-C. Scheduling and Management Information Systems: Uses systems to ensure optimal use of data and time for teaching, learning, and collaboration, minimizing disruptions and distractions for school-level staff.			3 of 4	1 of 4
II-D. Law, Ethics, and Policies: Understands and complies with state and federal laws and mandates, school committee policies, collective bargaining agreements, and ethical guidelines.			5 of 5	

	II-E. Fiscal Systems: Develops a budget that supports the district's vision, mission, and goals; allocates and manages expenditures consistent with district- and school-level goals and available resources.					
Overall Rating for Standard II (Check one.)  The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success of all staff by ensuring a efficient, and effective learning environment, using resources to implement appropriate curriculum, staffing, and						
Unsatisfactory	2 of 5 Needs Improvement	3 of 5 Proficient		Exer	nplary	

#### Comments and analysis (recommended for any overall rating; required for overall rating of Exemplary, Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory):

- 1. Mr. Schoonover and his administrators have worked to implement routines to ensure important matters are always a focal point for his staff. He has been increasing the scope and responsibilities of the HR Coordinator over the last 2 years to fill a gap in the administrative team. During teacher negotiations he was instrumental in bargaining the schedule changes at the middle school. The close working relationship with the business manager has ensured that fiscal controls are being followed and there are no surprises when maintaining such a large budget. This has led to several years of a balanced budget.
- 2. With the ratification of the STA agreement and collaborate efforts with Supt Schoonover, his administrative team, principals, content coordinators and scheduling committee, a new schedule was created in 2018 and will be implemented in the following school year. This new master schedule will increase instructional time from 62.5% to a minimum of 70%. This new schedule was identified as a specific goal for this year.
- 3. Under pressure from the public and school committee, Supt stepped up and made the schools within the District the safest they have ever been. The new environment clearly promotes a safe and effective learning environment. Supt has continued to use any and all appropriate resources to successfully implement appropriate curriculum and staffing. Supt with assistance from a small group transformed the Middle School schedule as the result of the STA new contract. Teachers within the District will now be teaching more in the classroom and throughout the day.
- 4. Given several losses with teaching staff, Mr. Schoonover through union contracts was able to raise the pay of district teachers. He also has focused on the retention of District teachers. Mr. Schoonover fortified all of the schools in the District. The safety in the District schools has never been so strong and effective.
- 5. Environment: **Positives:** supporting the layer of structural security to our schools and completing the majority of work prior to the start of the school year. This initiative was reactive from a school tragedy in another district brought to the SC/Admin by concerned parents. I would like to see monthly updates on pro-active safety measures be presented by administration going forward. Thank you for your presentation on improved Data showing the benefit of hiring additional School Adjustment Counselors which resulted in a decrease of negative behavior incidences in SMS. **Needs Improvement:** For an overall consistent focus on safety procedures and communication with staff. There has been reports from teachers and paras who do not feel they are adequately trained in handling a crisis or having the tools needed (e.g. door locks, In Force Technology or a review of the recently updated Crisis Manual). There has not been updates to the SC on CPI training/restraint training and identified support team for each school. There has been reports from paras/teachers/parents that they are not provided additional staff support and/or training to handle challenging students in their classrooms.
- 6. Health and Wellness Committee rarely meets and a report of the meeting minutes was requested to the SC months ago and has not been presented, Superintendent Safety Committee was formed, however, there has been reports that it was unproductive and recently placed on hold until further notice, A SRO was hired in September and a job description, guidelines, trainings was requested by the SC and has not been presented to date. There have not been any updates on proactive initiatives in months to the SC. In regard to Social Emotional

learning, I know mandates have demands on more academic learning time and it is difficult to have a balance with the Arts, Music, Sports, Social time in the schedule. Based on a recent SC meeting from concerned parents, teachers, students on the SMS schedule change and process, I encourage you to reconsider a creative schedule in our schools which promotes a balance of Academics, Arts, Music, Sports and Social Time.

- 7. Fiscal Management: the SC needs to be informed of positions added or purchases of additional vans and quotes from different vendors.
- 8. Bill and Article Warrants should be sent to the committee with sufficient notice to be reviewed and approved.
- 9. I would like to see an equal system created on budget lines for each school.
- 10. During a meeting a special needs parents were concerned their kids were not getting the services needed and it was mentioned that a role was vacant and no one yet had been placed. Though we use School Spring to recruit it may be needed to consider other sources to recruit certain roles.
- 11. This year I asked the Supt to change the process on how the budget would be presented to the Committee. I felt that the Supt and his team should create a budget that has all the items needed to meet the needs of the students. The budget presented had a 6.1% increase. In the future I would like to see if that what is presented is a Supt budget that has all the necessary needs that can be brought to town for support and also include a list of other items that were considered but were removed to stay fiscally responsible.

Goals progress report	Analysis of student feedback	Relevant school committee meeting
Budget analyses and monitoring reports	Analysis of staff feedback	agendas/minutes/materials
Budget presentations and related materials	Analysis of safety and crisis plan elements	Analysis and/or samples of leadership team(s
External reviews and audits	and/or incidence reports	schedule/agendas/materials
Staff attendance, hiring, retention, and other HR data		Other:

# Superintendent's Performance Rating for Standard III: Family and Community Engagement



Check one box for each indicator and indicate the overall standard rating below.	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-A. Engagement: Actively ensures that all families are welcome members of the classroom and school community and can contribute to the effectiveness of the classroom, school, district, and community.			4 of 5	1 of 5
III-B. Sharing Responsibility: Continuously collaborates with families and community stakeholders to support student learning and development at home, school, and in the community.		1 of 5	3 of 5	1 of 5
III-C. Communication: Engages in regular, two-way, culturally proficient communication with families and community stakeholders about student learning and performance.			4 of 5	1 of 5

Examples of evidence superintendent might provide:

III-D. F	amily Concerns: Addresses fa	mily and community	concerns in an equitable,	effective, and efficient mann	er.			5 of 5	
Overall (Check	Rating for Standard III one.)			growth of all students and the seholders that support the mis		•	•	artnerships	with
	Unsatisfactory	Need	s Improvement	5 of 5 Pro	<mark>ficient</mark>		Exer	nplary	
Comm	ents and analysis (recomm	ended for any over	all rating; required for o	overall rating of Exemplar	y, Needs Impro	ovement	or <i>Unsat</i>	isfactory)	):
1.	Mr. Schoonover has becoparents was very effective	-	e analysis of District g	oals and reports. I also	thought his us	e of surv	eys for t	eachers a	and
2.	Supt skill set for communifamily members and staff concerns as needed.		_			-			_
3.	Mr. Schoonover is consta and vaping activities. He happening in each school	has worked with	his principals to ensur		_	-			media
4.	His door is always open f	•		t has a concern.					
5.	The Family and Commun. His strong ability to lister this past year with the coyear with Superintendent have our 8 <sup>th</sup> grade studer Dartmouth. This 8 <sup>th</sup> grade this opportunity for our 8	n, empathize and sontinued Family Sut Schoonover memonts be included in the summit provided	strives to create an incluccess Partnership prober status on the Brist a neighboring town's p	usive school district with gram and parent academ ol County Chamber of Co rogram to allow our stud ang age to experience a c	our Families lies that were commerce Educ lents attend a	and Comoffered.  cation Co college v	nmunity Addition ommittee isit of UN	were dispally, this he solic	played past ited to
6.	Superintendent Schoonor events in and out of our superintendent Schoonor superintendent Schoon superintenden	schools. He always as made enhancen ne ability to transla rives to be inclusiv	s takes the opportunity nents to our district we ate information into the re with all stakeholders	to showcase excellence bsite that services our parties and the fir native language. This	with our stude arents and fan is another exa	ents, teac nilies who ample of	chers an o speak a Superint	d commu another tendent	unity.
7.	Mr. Schoonover continue schools. The Supt always	<del>=</del>			=	ijor issue	s and/o	r change:	s in
☐ Goals ☐ Partic family	of evidence superintendent mights progress report cipation rates and other data about so an engagement activities conce of community support and/or en	chool and district	Sample district and school ne communications Analysis of school improveme Community organization men contributions	ent goals/reports	☐ Analysis of su stakeholders☐ Relevant scho	•	·		•

# Superintendent's Performance Rating for Standard IV: Professional Culture



Check one box for each indicator and indicate the overall standard rating below.	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-A. Commitment to High Standards: Fosters a shared commitment to high standards of service, teaching, and learning with high expectations for achievement for all.			4 of 5	1 of 5
IV-B. Cultural Proficiency: Ensures that policies and practices enable staff members and students to interact effectively in a culturally diverse environment in which students' backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges are respected.			4 of 4	
IV-C. Communication: Demonstrates strong interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills.			2 of 5	3 of 5
IV-D. Continuous Learning: Develops and nurtures a culture in which staff members are reflective about their practice and use student data, current research, best practices, and theory to continuously adapt practice and achieve improved results. Models these behaviors in his or her own practice.			4 of 5	1 of 5
IV-E. Shared Vision: Successfully and continuously engages all stakeholders in the creation of a shared educational vision in which every student is prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and become a responsible citizen and global contributor.			5 of 5	
IV-F. Managing Conflict: Employs strategies for responding to disagreement and dissent, constructively resolving conflict and building consensus throughout a district or school community.			5 of 5	
Overall Rating for Standard IV  ( C h e c k o n e . )  The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success sustaining a districtwide culture of reflective practice, high expectations, and continuous		•	•	
☐ Unsatisfactory ☐ Needs Improvement 5 of 5 Proficient	[	Exer	nplary	
Comments and analysis (recommended for any overall rating; required for overall rating of Exemplary, Needs Impr	ovement	or <i>Unsat</i>	isfactory)	):

- 1. The environment that Mr. Schoonover has built is one over his tenure is one with the highest professional standards and a culture that fosters continuous learning. He has worked with his administrators to share their vision of constant improvement through assessment and refinement of processes throughout the district.
- 2. In 2018 Superintendent Schoonover and his team have continued to build on their "learning walk" practice in an effort to provide effective constructive feedback to teachers and evaluation of curriculum to ensure the strive for continued improvements. This was a culture shift with the direction of Superintendent Schoonover and is a display of his continued strive for excellence for our district.

- 3. The strategic plan that was created for 2015-2020 has been accomplished and nearly every initiative has been accomplished in the year of 2018. Superintendent Schoonover, in his commitment for high standards has already completed work to start the process of a new plan in 2019.
- 4. Supt kept the school committee updated with plans and reports. I was impressed how effectively he was able to keep parents and the community up to date with his progress, often through presentations.
- 5. Supt dealt with several conflicts during 2018. STA, teacher negotiations and grievances were all dealt with appropriately by the Supt. He has set expectations high and adjusted district wide to maintain continuous learning for staff.

Examples of evidence superintendent might provide.					
	Goals progress report		School visit protocol and sample follow-up reports		School committee meeting agendas/materials
	District and school improvement plans and reports		Presentations/materials for community/parent meetings		Sample of leadership team(s) agendas and materials
	Staff attendance and other data		Analysis of staff feedback		Analysis of staff feedback
	Memos/newsletters to staff and other stakeholders		Samples of principal/administrator practice goals		Other: