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- 1 Knowing that optimum student learning is the direct result of excellent teaching, the
- 2 Transylvania County Board of Education supports a process that focuses on the continuous
- 3 education and evaluation of professional educators. To this end, the Board of Education's
- 4 Professional Educator Licensed Employee Evaluation Process for professional employees will
- 5 comply with all applicable rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education.
- 6 School administrators responsible for evaluating licensed employees shall comply with all state requirements with regard to the type and frequency of evaluation.

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Teachers who have been employed by the Board for at least three consecutive years, and are not assigned to a school designated as "low performing," shall be observed by the principal or designee at least three times annually and at least once by a teacher annually. The principal shall conduct an evaluation of these employees at least once annually. All teachers with a four-year contract or who have obtained career status, that are not assigned to a school designated as "low performing" shall be evaluated at least once annually.

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In addition to the foregoing, the overall training and evaluation of professional educators shall include the following factors and principles:

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• The Superintendent can place a professional educator licensed employee on a Directed Growth Plan or Mandatory Improvement Plan with just cause with written notification at any time during the school year.

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• A professional educator's licensed employee's performance is based upon all of their actions undertaken within the course and scope of their employment. In all employment actions, the Superintendent and/or principal will give consideration to all written commendations, accolades, warnings, directives, and/or other documentation in the professional educator's licensed employee's personnel file.

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• Principals shall direct teachers to appropriate educational and/or training opportunities to address any identified teaching weaknesses on a case-by-case basis.

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 Nothing herein shall limit in any way the right of the Superintendent to take immediate disciplinary action, up to and including a recommendation for termination, when necessary.

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