



Align your governance with the 8 characteristics of effective school boards through MTSBA model policy

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Commit to a vision of high expectations for student achievement and quality instruction. Define clear goals for that vision.	Share strong beliefs and values about what is possible for students and their ability to learn, and of the system and its ability to teach all children at high levels.	Accountability driven, spending less time on operational issues and more time focused on policies to improve student achievement.	Collaborative relationships with staff and the community. Establish a strong communications structure to inform and engage both internal and external stakeholders in setting and achieving district goals.	Data savvy. Embrace and monitor data, even when the information is negative, and use it to drive continuous improvement.	Align and sustain resources, such as professional development, to meet district goals.	Lead as a united team with the superintendent, each from their respective roles, with strong collaboration and mutual trust.	Take part in team development and training to build shared knowledge, values and commitment for their improvement efforts.