



# Mission, vision and student achievement

## *Discussion questions*

Effective school boards establish a clear path for the district - one with high expectations for quality teaching and learning that supports strong opportunities and outcomes for students. Without that, districts find themselves taking a very long walk to get somewhere, and sadly, students who need a future-focused direction to deal successfully with emerging challenges will be lost.

### **Mission and vision discussion questions**

- What do we (the board) believe to be the purpose of public education in our community? Do we know if our beliefs fully reflect those of our community?
- If we don't know our community's answer to that question, how might we find out? If there are conflicting viewpoints, how can we move toward meaningful deliberations toward shared ideals?
- If we have identified a clear and shared purpose for public education, does it create an appropriate balance between "the pursuit of happiness," individual good, and "the common good?"
- How does the current national focus on college and career readiness fit with our community's purpose for public education?
- How will clarifying the purpose of public education in our community assist us in aligning resources and making decisions at the board table?

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