

Why choose NYSSBA Custom Board Retreats?

CUSTOMIZATION. EXPERTISE. VALUE.

Customization

We build a highly customized agenda to address your team's unique situation and concerns. Our facilitators will help resolve contentious issues and promote trusting relationships while building your team's boardmanship skills.

Expertise

NYSSBA was founded on supporting, training and providing the services school boards need. And we provide expertise in the subjects of legal, policy, research and advocacy.

Convenience

We come to you to deliver the program at your convenience, including weekends and nights. – saving you time and money.

Value

Your board will reap the benefits long after your retreats, because well performing school boards make good decisions that impact student achievement.

We have used NYSSBA for board retreats and highly recommend all boards consider the service.
– Parvin J. Mensch, Waverly CSD

ADDITIONAL NYSSBA TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Annual Convention & Education Expo Held in October, this event is the largest statewide gathering of public education leaders in New York. Enjoy dynamic speakers, district-led educational seminars, plus the state's largest exhibition of educational products and services.

Complimentary Webinars NYSSBA's webinar trainings, free for NYSSBA members, enable participants to attend training sessions from the convenience of their home or office. Webinars are interactive with questions and answers, chat and polling. Additional pre-recorded webinars are also available.

State-Mandated Training Board members can complete state-mandated governance and fiscal oversight training via computer, tablet or phone through online courses or a New School Member Academy, a two day event offered in regional locations. Gain foundational knowledge and skills, become familiar with board roles and responsibilities, policies and procedures, legal rights and more.

Board Officers Academy This one-day academy will develop your leadership skills so you can set the tone and direction of the board's work. Learn how to tackle tough issues and share common challenges through an interactive agenda filled with informative advice, expert speakers and networking with fellow board officers.



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CUSTOM BOARD RETREATS

Creating Effective School Boards



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR BOARD RETREATS

With over 30 years of experience, NYSSBA is the expert in school board governance, providing Custom Board Retreats (CBRs) tailored to your board's unique needs.

Our CBRs are delivered on-site in your district at your convenience. Our expert facilitators have experience working with rural, urban and suburban districts and will help you address your governance team's concerns in a safe and relaxed but highly focused learning environment.

Research shows high performing school boards have a positive impact on student achievement and superintendent relations. Invest in one or more CBRs a year to build your governance team and maintain an efficiently run school board.

We have used NYSSBA for customized retreats several times. They have helped us with goal setting, establishing protocol for board interaction, self-evaluation and team building....it is has helped us develop as productive board members.

– Jaqueline Edwards,
New York Mills
School Board



YOU SELECT THE TOPIC WE DELIVER THE TRAINING

Most Requested Topics:

District Goal-Setting – Student achievement, safe learning environments and community support all start with strategic goal setting. We'll help your board meet district needs, properly allocate resources and create measurements for success.

Superintendent Evaluations – Evaluating the superintendent is one of the most important responsibilities of the school board. An effective evaluation is fair, objective, empowering and drives district priorities and student achievement. We will walk you through the process using NYSSBA's Superintendent Evaluation instrument.

Roles and Responsibilities – Board members often have differing viewpoints regarding their work on the school board and how things should or should not be done. Eliminate conflict, dysfunction and confusion in the board room with proven best practices that clarify processes and procedures.

Team Building and Meyers-Briggs® Type Indicator

(MBTI) – Board leadership is about individual board members forming a cohesive and engaged team with one voice. Get the information and tools that will help resolve tension, relieve stress and bring out the best in your team and district.

Additional Requested Topics:

- School Board Performance Evaluation
- Communication Skills
- Trust and Conflict Resolution
- Legal Issues
- Executive Session and Open Meetings Law



ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF CUSTOM BOARD RETREATS

- Clarified roles and responsibilities
- Improved board-superintendent relations
- Enhanced leadership skills
- Improved decision making
- Greater productivity
- Minimized conflict
- Develop communication, trust and team work

Choose your own custom training and create an effective school board!

FULL-DAY WORKSHOP
(more than 4 hours)
\$2,300 plus
travel expenses

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP
(less than 4 hours)
\$1,600 plus
travel expenses

A consistent investment in professional development is a proven strategy to improve the performance of the board.

Book your Custom Board Retreats today – Call 800-342-3360 or visit www.nyssba.org/cbr



Board members will earn 10 points (half-day) or 20 points (full-day) in NYSSBA's School Board U Recognition Program. For more information, visit www.nyssba.org/schoolboardu.