

FRIDAY AGENDA

Essentials of School Board Governance

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
9:15 – 9:55 a.m.	Dimensions of Effective Board Leadership Leadership skills are essential for successful school board service. In this interactive session you and your fellow board members will be introduced to the four dimensions of an effective team. Collectively you will discover what is critical in building relationships, adapting to change, setting expectations and creating the right environment to be effective.
9:55 – 10:00 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m. – Noon	The Importance & Purpose of School Boards School boards are faced with a multitude of complex issues and an ever increasing demand to improve student performance. Learn best practices and how operating procedures can guide the board's work and lead to better performance. Understand your roles and responsibilities and examine the role of policy in governance. Hear how effective policies serve as the core of successful school board leadership by providing the district with long-term direction and compliance with state and federal laws.
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	School Board Members' Rights, Risks and Responsibilities School boards do not operate in a vacuum. Various governing and administrative authorities, including the U.S. Department of Education, Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department, shape the public education agenda. Discover how the various mandates, regulations and guidance established by these authorities impact your school board work.
2:30 – 2:40 p.m.	Break
2:40 – 3:40 p.m.	Data Use for Accountability and Student Achievement Student achievement is a fundamental measure of a school board's leadership. Success is measured not only in meeting standards, but also by demonstrating improvement. Learn how to utilize data from a variety of sources to make critical decisions for your district and evaluate the impact of those decisions on student achievement. Examine how to analyze comparative data, understand leading and lagging indicators, identify trends, and discover the right questions to ask to establish accountability and continuous improvement.
3:40 – 4:30 p.m.	Mock Board Meeting Effective school board meetings are the key to advancing student achievement. Participate in a mock board meeting to explore the drama or controversies that can unfold and potentially derail a meeting. Learn how policy and board operations add structure to meetings, reduce problematic issues and lead to more effective and efficient meetings.
4:30 – 4:40 p.m.	Wrap Up and Preparation for Day 2
