


# Student Learning: Do Boards Really Make a Difference?

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# Engagement

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## QUICK POLL

Who is participating?

- Candidate
- Former board member
- Current board member
- Superintendent
- Business manager/  
Board secretary
- Other



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## Goals for Today

- Discuss big picture for board service – focusing on ***all*** students.
- Explore how boards positively impact student learning.
- Learn how board teams keep the focus on student learning.

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## Goal 1

**Discuss big picture of board service:**  
*focusing on high and equitable education for all students*



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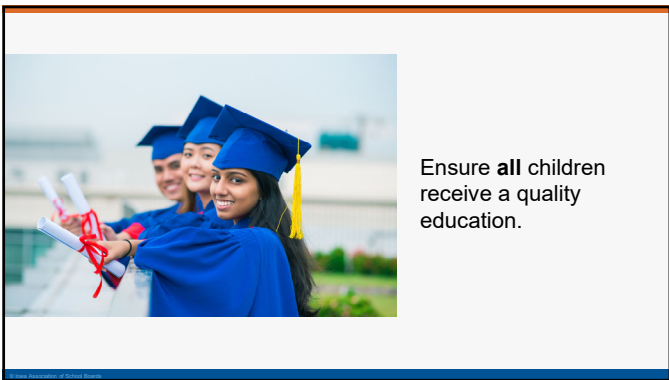
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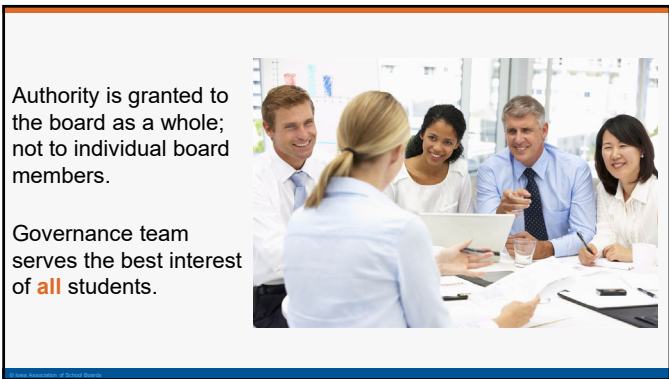
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Of course parents want the best for their own children. That’s their job. As a school board member, it’s my job to want the best for each and every child.

An Iowa School Board Member

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On serving  
all children.

Discussion

As a potential new board member, what’s important to keep in mind?

What can help you grow in your viewpoints and understanding?

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On serving  
all children.

### Discussion

How can boards keep the focus on serving all students?

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**QUICK POLL**

Which areas will be your first focus of learning?

- Teaching and student learning
- School finance
- Policy
- Legislative issues
- Mental health
- I mean, all of it!



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Questions?

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## Goal 2

Explore how boards positively impact student learning.



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School boards **CAN** and **DO** make a positive difference for students.

Iowa students actively learning.

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**Vision**  
& Goals



**Support**



**Monitor**

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Vision & Goals  
Support  
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## Discussion

What does the board's role in this work look like?

What else is important to think about?

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# Questions?



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## Goal 3

Learn how board teams keep the focus on student learning.



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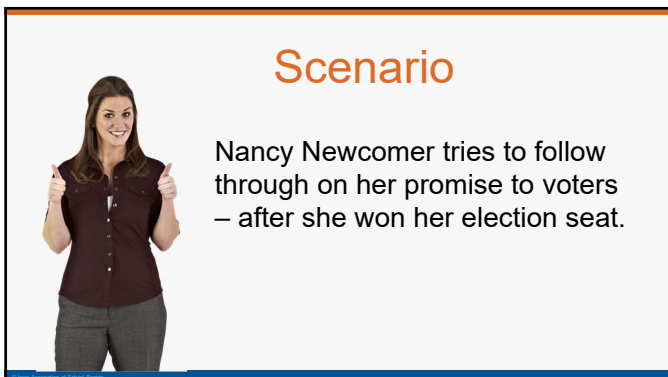
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## Scenario

Board candidate, Nancy Newcomer, ran for the school board for the primary reason to reopen the beloved, historical Truman Elementary, the neighborhood school that the previous board had closed. Afterall, the Truman students deserve their own school! As PTO president of Truman Elementary, Nancy was successful and won a seat on the school board.

True to her word, shortly after the election, Nancy met with the superintendent and board president to purse ways to get reopening the school on an upcoming board agenda.



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## Insights and Advice



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Serving **all** students.



Keep the focus on students.



Boards make a difference.

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Ask Me!

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Mark your calendars!

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