

**DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bloomington, Illinois**

Regular Meeting March 22, 2021

FOR DISCUSSION:

Subject: Board Learning Opportunity

One of the accomplishments of this Board of Education is your recognition as a Board Governance Award winner for the past six years. One of the requirements of this process is to coordinate a learning activity and conduct a self-evaluation over a two-year period. Last year, you engaged in the self-evaluation process, so you are eligible to review options for learning together later this year.

The options available from the IASB that may be of interest to members of the Board include:

Reflect. Respond. Recover. The 3 Rs of Moving Forward

Your governance team has recently gone through an unprecedented time that requires your school board to reflect and consider making necessary adjustments and changes. In the “Reflect. Respond. Recover. The 3 Rs of Moving Forward” workshop, your governing team will reflect on challenges related to recent crises you have experienced, define areas where the challenges were successfully met, and identify areas that need further response. Your team will develop an action plan to help the district recover and continue on the path of success. This is a complimentary, open session workshop, available to any member district that would like to reflect on its governance during a crisis and build a plan of action.

The Trust Edge Experience

The Trust Edge Experience builds high-performing teams and creates a common language to build connection, improve clarity, and increase productivity. Led by a certified Trust Edge coach, participants will explore the 8-Pillar Framework™ for building trust and identify how trust impacts every area of their work and life. Participants will practice methods to clarify expectations, improve relationships and reduce interpersonal conflict, as well as methods for appreciating others, building an accountable culture, and recognize how to rebuild trust when it has been broken.

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Starting Right

New members want to make an impact but don't yet know how. Veteran board members can guide them by sharing the board's practices and procedures. IASB can help by facilitating a Starting Right workshop. Starting Right, a type of board self-evaluation, begins with a review of the board's role in effective governance and continues with a discussion of the board expectations for communications, board superintendent relationships, board meetings, and much more. In order to become a high-performing team, each board must address the needs of new board members and the development of the "new" governance team. You may also wish to schedule a Starting Right workshop with your new superintendent as many boards find value in discussing the expectations of all parties in this crucial relationship.

Starting Right is a type of board self-evaluation. The Illinois Open Meetings Act allows boards to meet in closed session for the purpose of board self-evaluation "when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is member." 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16).

Making Meetings Matter

The only authority board members have is through working collaboratively at a convened board meeting. Meetings matter...a lot! This workshop will challenge you, whether you are a new or veteran board member, to evaluate your board meetings and consider the following: How effective are your school board meetings? Do your board meeting agendas align with your district's goals/priorities? Are your meetings focused on student achievement? If you dread your meetings and are wondering, "There has to be a better way," this workshop is for your board.

Available summer 2021.