



School Board Self-Evaluation Framework for Governance

The School Board Self-Evaluation results reflect the collective responses of the board team (board members and superintendent). These results build a profile of the board's work in five standards (Conduct and Ethics, Vision, Structure, Accountability, Advocacy and Communication) of board practice proven to support student achievement.

The data on the following page is organized in a color-coded, horizontal-stacked bar chart that shows the board team's results at the level of the five standards. The explanation for the color code is just above the data chart.

Analyzing your Results: Looking at Data

Start with the following page, which shows your district's aggregated data for each of the five standards. Identify standards that capture strengths, growth areas and or divergent perspectives, then work through the benchmarks and indicators for those standards.

Here is a simple protocol for your use:

Step 1: What do you see?

- Describe what you see in the data, identify where it is located to the group. This is not about interpretation at this stage, only what you see.
- List the descriptions on chart paper.

Step 2: What does the data suggest?

- Discuss what the data suggests and try to generate different interpretations. Ask clarifying questions of one another to increase clarity and understanding of one another's perspectives.
- List responses on the chart paper

Step 3: Identify goal areas from the lists generated.

Step 4: Build two to three goals using the S.M.A.R.T. goal framework.

- **S** = Simple: Is it clear and easy to understand?
- **M** = Measurable: Is it clear what the school board will use to indicate successful performance?
- **A** = Achievable: Is it within the scope of the board's sphere of control/responsibility?
- **R** = Realistic: Will successful performance on this goal benefit the school district?
- **T** = Time-bound: Is it clear what the school board will see and when?

Measurable Progress for Goals Identified Above:

- Indicates or signals change
- Indicators can be assessed or observed
- Examples include:
 - Measurements
 - Specific activities
 - Behavioral change
 - Shift or reallocation of school district resources



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MSBA believes your school district will find it beneficial to drill down to individual items under the benchmarks. If your board team would like to dig deeper into the School Board Self-Evaluation and data, MSBA provides an opportunity to use your evaluation data as an in-district in-service for a fee. During this 2-3 hour in-service, MSBA staff will provide your school board with more in-depth individualized data and reports designed for the board's ongoing improvement. MSBA staff will lead the conversation on the individualized report and assist your school board with discussion and setting board team improvement goals.

If your board team would like to dig deeper into the self-evaluation and data, contact Gail Gilman (ggilman@mnmsba.org) or call (1-800-324-4459) for the cost associated with this board in-service and to arrange a date for an MSBA staff member to facilitate.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful efforts in completing the School Board Self-Evaluation.

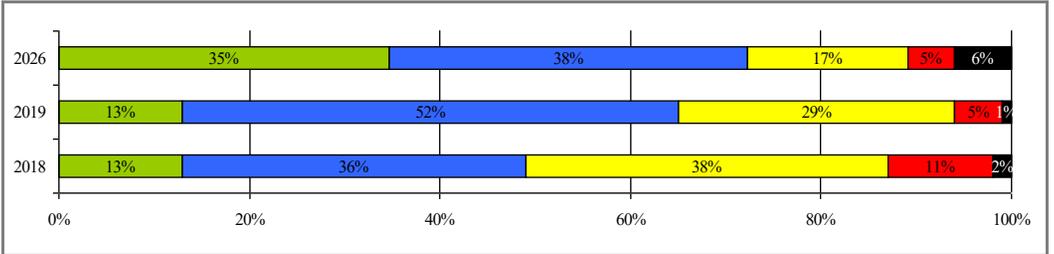
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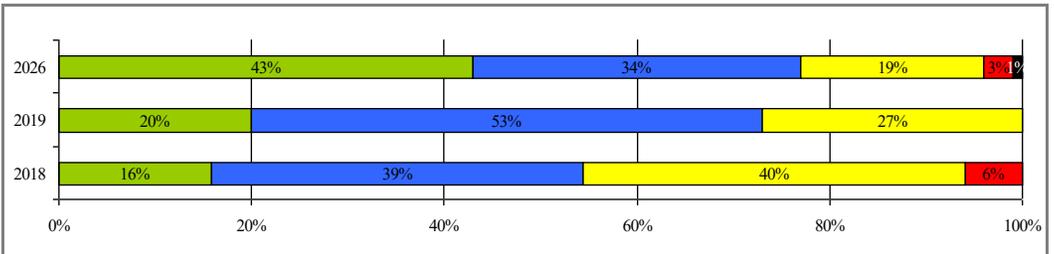
Framework for Governance: Aggregate Data

■ Always
 ■ Most of the time
 ■ Some of the time
 ■ Never
 ■ Don't know

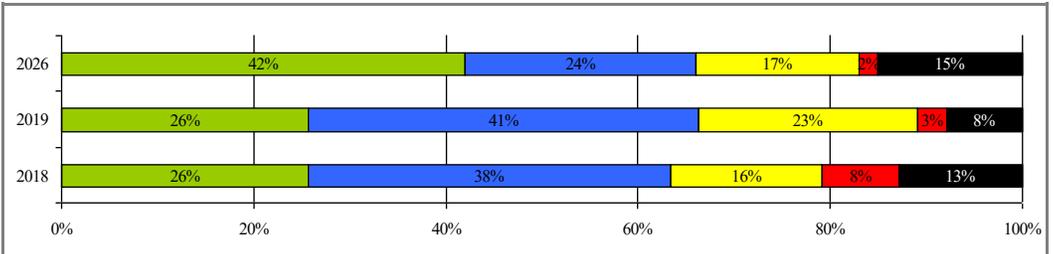
Standard 1
Conduct and Ethics:
 Provide responsible school district governance



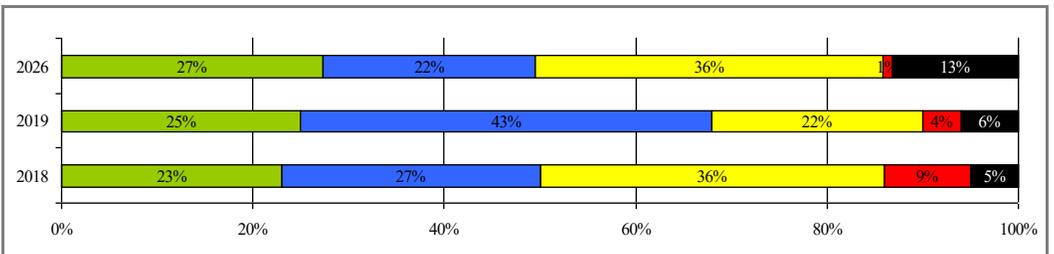
Standard 2
Vision:
 Set and communicate high expectations for student learning with clear goals and plans for meeting those



Standard 3
Structure:
 Create conditions district-wide for student and staff success



Standard 4
Accountability:
 Hold school district accountable for meeting student learning expectations



Standard 5
Advocacy and Communication:
 Engage local community and represent the values and expectations they hold for their schools

