

How to Get an A+ & Still Save the World:

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The Evolving Role of School Board Members

Oh how times
have changed!

- **Amount of time required**
- **Accessibility (social media)**
- **Range of topics**
- **Expectations**



- Budget
- Policy
- Curriculum
- Quasi Judicial
- Hiring and evaluating Superintendent

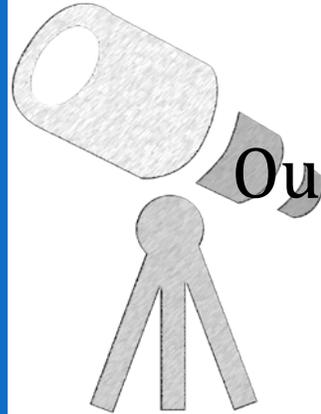


Vision, Mission, and Core Purpose



Our Mission

- Every student will have the academic, creative problem solving, and social emotional skills to be successful in college and career.



Our Vision

- We inspire learning by providing the greatest public education to each and every student.



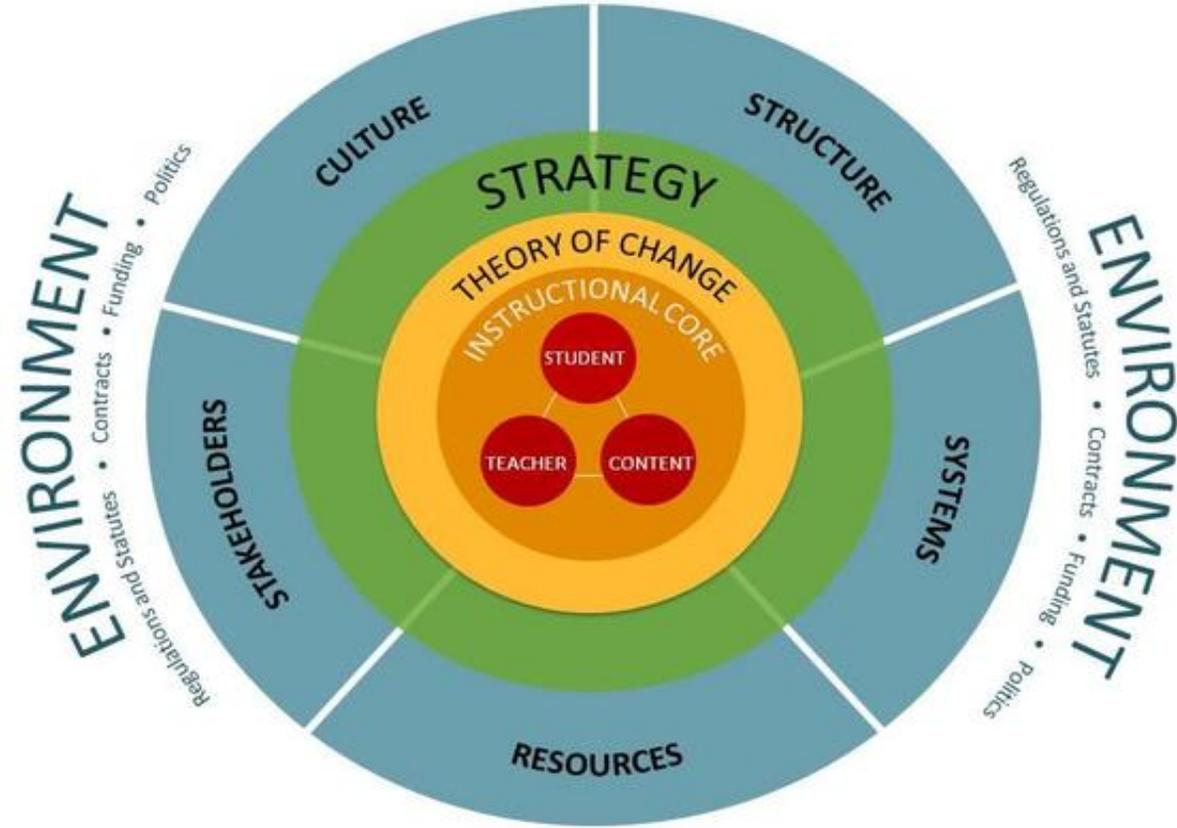
Core Purpose

- Prepare all students to thrive in their future.

Core Values

- Learning
- Respect
- Relationships
- Excellence
- Equity

Why Focus on Teaching and Learning?



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Focus on Teaching and Learning



Question

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how focused on teaching and learning is your Board?
- List the distractions

A Few Issues that Board is Called on to Address

• Poverty	Public Health
Housing Instability	• Housing Segregation
• Housing Segregation	• Domestic Violence
• Food Insecurity	• Child Abuse and Neglect
• Climate Change	Mental Health
• Racism	• Child Care
• Equity	• Technology

The Reality of Events

- Sniper
- 9/11
- Recession
- Rockville
- Damascus
- COVID-19
- Protest



Strategies for Institutional Focus

- Ask critical questions:
 - How significant is the impact on teaching and learning?
 - How much time will it take from teaching and learning?
 - How many resources will it take from teaching and learning?
 - Is the school system the right venue for addressing the issue?

Case Study

- **Food Insecurity during COVID**

The Analysis

- How significant is the impact on teaching and learning?
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What We Did

Meals Distribution

- 274,932 meals served through September 18
- Now serving triple meals every Friday to provide food through the weekend
- 74 schools, 5 Bus Stop sites, expanding in the coming weeks
- Focusing on neighborhood stops where large number of families are separated from a school by a major road

The Analysis

Take one of your issues and ask :

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Strategies

- Move low cost items quickly (LBGTQ+)
- Be intentional about the high cost items, try to choose not react (Boundary Study)
- Do not chase the skinny rabbits!