

## Talking Points Summary - Advocating for good school board governance (2)

1. **Transparent and accountable decision-making:** Healthy school boards prioritize transparency and accountability in their decision-making process. This includes publicly disclosing information about their meetings, decisions, and budget allocations. (Reference: National School Boards Association, 2018).
2. **Effective communication with stakeholders:** Healthy school boards maintain open and effective communication channels with parents, teachers, students, and community members. They regularly seek feedback from stakeholders and actively engage with them to address their concerns. (Reference: National School Boards Association, 2018).
3. **Strong ethical standards:** Healthy school boards set and enforce high ethical standards for their members. This includes avoiding conflicts of interest, adhering to strict codes of conduct, and ensuring that all decisions are made in the best interests of students. (Reference: National School Boards Association, 2018).
4. **Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion:** Healthy school boards prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion in their policies and practices. They work to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, have equal access to high-quality education and opportunities. (Reference: National School Boards Association, 2021).
5. **Collaboration with other stakeholders:** Healthy school boards collaborate with other stakeholders, such as local government officials, community organizations, and business leaders, to support student success. They recognize that education is a shared responsibility and work together to build strong partnerships that benefit students and the community. (Reference: National School Boards Association, 2018).
6. **Continual learning and professional development:** Healthy school boards invest in the ongoing learning and professional development of their members. They provide opportunities for board members to enhance their knowledge and skills, stay up to date on the latest research and best practices, and engage in continuous improvement. (Reference: National School Boards Association, 2018).

### References

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