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New Board Member Support Program 2017

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Becoming a Better Board Member: A Guide to Effective School Board Service

Description:

The New Board Member Support Program (**NBMSP**) has been designed to provide all new board members elected in February with a year's worth of monthly support around issues importance to new board members. One of the exciting aspects of **NBMSP** is that it will be Internet-based and will not require participants to travel to access the support

Goals:

- To help each new board member become acquainted with the roles and responsibilities of board service
- To have each new board member understand the key work of school boards.
- To assist all new board members throughout their first year of service with personalized support and consultation

Resources:

Becoming a Better Board Member: A Guide to Effective School Board Service

GoToMeeting monthly sessions On your computer or smartphone:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/NMSBA-NBMSP>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (571) 317-3131

Access Code: 952-526-733

Evaluation:

Each session will be evaluated by participants and will be held every third Thursday of the month

NBMSP Schedule: Sessions begin at 4:00 p.m. end at 5:00 p.m.

Month	Topic	Required Reading
March 23	Getting on Board, Learning Board Service	Chapters 1 and 2
April 20	Fundamentals of School Finance	Chapter 12
May 18	In the Boardroom, Exercising Board Leadership	Chapters 3 and 4
June 15	Evaluating the Superintendent, Changing the Superintendent	Chapters 7 and 8
July 20	The Board and the District Staff, School Boards and Collective Bargaining	Chapters 10 and 11
August 17	Board as Decision Maker, Boards and Superintendents	Chapters 5 and 6
September 21	Curriculum: The number 1 Program, Contemporary Issues	Chapters 13 and 14
October 19	Communications for You and Your Board, Politics and the Political Process	Chapters 15 and 16
November 16	Your Personal Life	Chapter 17
December 2	Face to Face at the Annual Conference	Eight Characteristics of Effective Boards

Examinations:

This is an examination free experience.



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