Centennial Place Academy Inc. Board Assessment Tool

Is Your Charter School Board Effective?

Please check the appropriate box for each question

	YES	NO	I Don't Kno
 I am aware of the key charter agreement we have made to our authorizer and our community. 			
2. I do know how we measure this charter agreement.			
We have a job description in our possession that details the roles and responsibilities of the full board.			
We have individual performance expectations that are written down and hold each board member accountable to these.			
5. Our board is large enough to have several active, well-functioning committees, who dive into substantive strategic issues and bring information back to the full board for further discussion and decision-making.			
Our board steadily demonstrates a clear understanding of the difference between governance and management.			
There is a clear expectation that our Chairperson takes an active role in shaping and has responsibility for facilitating effective governance			
8. We have a strong partnership with our Chairperson that is built on mutual trust and respect.			
We have an effective process for evaluating, communicating with and supporting our Chairperson.			
10. Our board meetings are always noticed properly and well attended			
11. We have a system in place to deal with continuous non-attendance of a member			
12. We review financial statements monthly and every board member has a firm grasp on the school's financial health.			
13. The majority of our board meeting time focuses on strategic issues rather than reporting on past events.			
14. Our organization uses academic achievement data to make policy decisions and improve results.			
15. Our board has official tools and measures in place to measure overall organizational performance (finance, operations, staff retention, etc.).			
16. Each year the board establishes strategic board-level goals, expressing how the board will add specific and measurable value.			
17. Our board spends most of its time setting the stage/creating the future rather than reacting and responding to immediate needs			
18. Our board conducts an annual performance appraisal of the full board and of individual trustees			
19. Annually there is 100% board giving to the best of personal ability to the school's fundraising efforts.			
20. We have a succession plan for both board and school leadership.			