Springfield School District

Board Self-Assessment

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Reflection Question #1

What does board self-evaluation mean to you?

Why Evaluate the Board's Performance?



TO MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS COMMITMENT TO SELF ACCOUNTABILITY BUILDS TRUST, RESPECT, COMMUNICATION, IMPROVES RELATIONSHIPS ALLOWS PLANNING FOR FUTURE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

High-Performing Boards

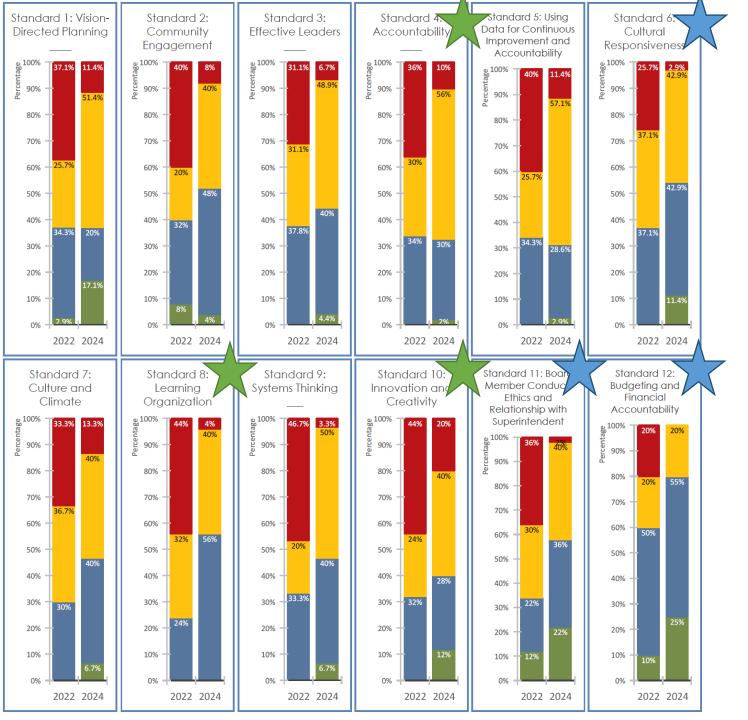
	Lighthouse (Rice, et al., 2000 and Delagardelle & Alsbury, 2014)	Essential board leadership practices (Johnson, 2013)	Characteristics of effective school boards (Dervarics & O'Brien, 2016)
Vision and goals	Set clear expectations; set goals	Creating a vision	Commit to a vision of high expectations for students and set goals toward that vision
Climate and resources	Create conditions for success	Creating climate; providing staff development; creating awareness and urgency	Align and sustain resources to meet goals
Data and monitoring	Hold the system accountable	Monitoring progress and taking corrective action; using data	Data savvy, embracing and monitoring data, even when negative
Cohesive teaming	Learn together as a board team	Demonstrating commitment; practicing unified governance	Strong shared beliefs and values about the system and all students
Stakeholder and community engagement	Build public will	Engaging the community; connecting with district leadership	Collaborative relationship with staff and community; strong structure to inform/engage stakeholders
Policy and accountability		Developing policy with a focus on student learning	Accountability driven, focused on policy and not operations

Balanced Governance Standards

- 1: Vision-Directed Planning
- 2: Community Engagement
- 3: Effective Leaders
- 4: Accountability
- 5: Using Data for Continuous Improvement and Accountability
- 6: Cultural Responsiveness
- 7: Culture and Climate
- 8: Learning Organization
- 9: Systems Thinking
- 10: Innovation and Creativity
- 11: Board Member Conduct, Ethics and Relationship with Superintendent
- 12: Budgeting and Financial Accountability



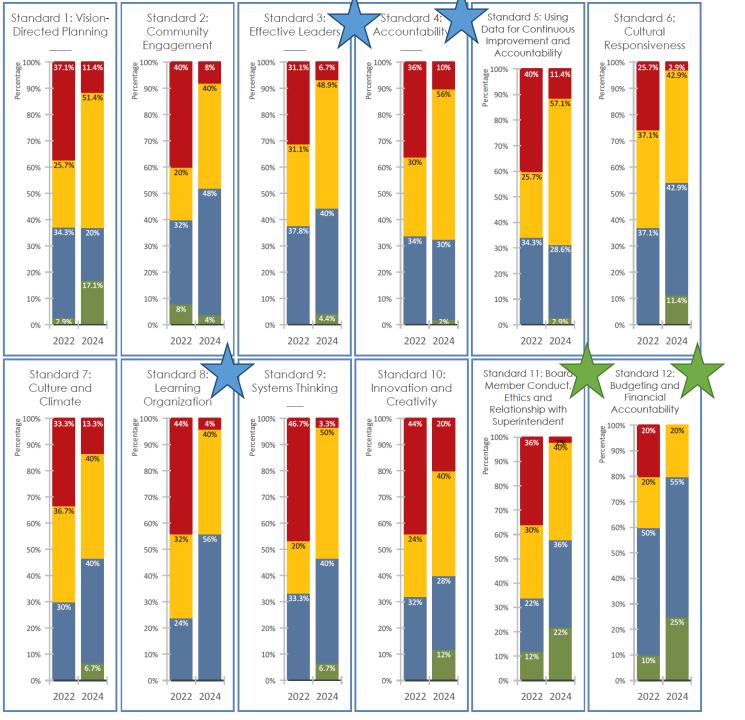
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RATINGS Effective Accomplished Developing Ineffective **Strengths** Std 12: Budget & Fiscal (highest) • Std 11: Board conduct, Ethics, Supt. Relationship • Std 6: Cultural Responsiveness Areas for Growth • Std 8: Learning Organization • Std 4: Accountability • Std 10: Innovation and Creativity (low)



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AGREEMENT

Congruence:

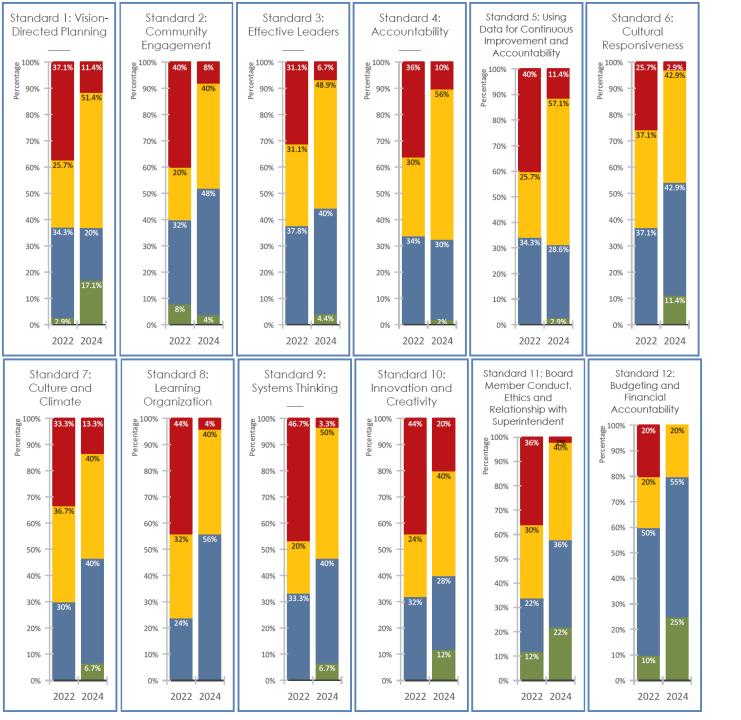
- Std 4: Accountability
- Std 8: Learning Organization
- Std 3: Effective Leadership

Incongruence:

- Many
- Std 11: Member Conduct & Ethics
- Std 12: Budget & Fiscal



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Observations

What do you observe in the report (just observations, not interpretations of questions)?

What themes did you notice?

what is working? What needs improvement?

What questions do you have for your board colleagues?



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Question #4

What issues need to be addressed? What strengths can you leverage?

Question #5

What <u>specific</u> work does the board need to do in the next six months?...year?...long range (1-3 years?

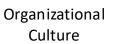


Research: School boards impact student outcomes



Individual board Board work members

Board culture







Classroom Instruction Ac

Student Achievement

Causal Chain



Targeted training Board Self-Assessment Superintendent Evaluation Executive Search Strategic Planning Charter Schools Facilitation

Thank you!

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