



# 12 Responsibilities of a Charter School Board Member

Boards that govern for greatness understand management's role is to execute, and the board's role is to ensure. Be proactive, ask wise questions and focus on what truly matters. Ensuring your board fulfills these 12 responsibilities will help advance your school towards greatness.

**1. ENSURE** all students are being prepared for success in college, work and life.

**2. ENSURE** the public's money and resources are well stewarded.

**3. ENSURE** the school is run by a great leader and infused with a positive culture and learning environment.

**4. ENSURE** the terms of the charter contract are fulfilled and the organization is prepared for renewal.

**5. ENSURE** the school is true to its mission, vision and values.

**6. ENSURE** goals are clear and people and programs are wisely empowered, supported, evaluated and held accountable.

**7. ENSURE** the school operates legally and ethically.

**8. ENSURE** the school continuously improves and stays viable.

**9. ENSURE** the board recruits, orients and develops its members and its capacity to govern.

**10. ENSURE** the board adopts and properly maintains its governing policies.

**11. ENSURE** the board speaks with one voice.

**12. ENSURE** the board and its members are positive ambassadors for your school and the charter idea!