



Board Development Cohort

From 2009-2011, NCLR implemented a grant through the Walton Family Foundation to significantly improve outcomes at four of its affiliate schools. Board development was a critical part of this grant, and led to significant changes in both process and outcomes at participating schools. This current opportunity from the Walton Family Foundation builds on the work of the school improvement project to extend board development training across the NCLR affiliate school network and build capacity for excellent board leadership in NCLR schools.

The training result in Affiliate schools building governance capacity through training and technical assistance. This opportunity will take place over 23 months, beginning in February 2014 and finishing December 2015.

Project Overview

The goal of this project is to improve the ability of charter school boards to support high performing schools through targeted board development and technical assistance. Each school will have a cohort of four key members - three board members and the CEO - who will participate in training and share information with other board members. Cohort members will participate in training focused on four board development areas: roles and responsibilities, accountability of school leaders, the development of board goals, and the development of a working knowledge of education reform as it applies to the students in their schools. Training will be provided through NCLR staff and selected consultants, and will be delivered through in-person meetings, online training, and site visits.

Mandatory Participation

To be successful with implementing this program, it is essential for cohort members to fully participate in the meetings and professional development opportunities coordinated by NCLR. Participating board members must participate in approximately one web-based training per month, lasting between 60 and 90 minutes, and complete follow-up activities. There will be at least two trainings (with potential overnight stays) hosted at an on-site location for the applying team. Cohort members will also be required to participate in an online learning community for resource sharing and professional development. Furthermore, participation will be necessary for webinars, conference calls, and program site visits. Local and national travel may be required

for the cohort. When such travel is required, the cost of travel will be covered by NCLR (except for in-kind contribution specified above). Participants will be required to share information on Board activities and school outcomes with NCLR.

Implementation

In order to comply with program outcomes, Cohort members agree to:

- Participate in all required NCLR training, including possible evening and weekend times.
- Develop, through NCLR training and technical assistance, an accountability system for the school CEO, including CEO goals and a clear and consistent monitoring process to evaluate progress monthly. Implement an annual CEO evaluation.
- Develop, through NCLR training and technical assistance, a board growth and improvement plan with measurable targets and a monitoring system to evaluate progress on a regular basis.
- Develop, through NCLR training and technical assistance, a “dashboard” of key school information that the school head/CEO will use to keep the board apprised of the school’s progress on a regular basis.
- Share information learned through this program via a webinar for the NCLR school network on a key lesson of their Board development training.

NCLR agrees to:

- Provide high-quality technical assistance and training on each key area.
- Regularly monitor progress and address problems as they arise.
- Create and maintain an online platform for training, resources, and information exchange to support program goals.
- Convene cohort members in person and online and coordinate travel as needed.
- Evaluate the impact of this program and share key lessons across the NCLR Affiliate network.



June 23rd Webinar Details

1. **OneSpace Invitation:** You should have received an email inviting you to join STBBDP's project workspace.

Click the link within the email to create your user profile and access the system. *(Let Chrissy Tucker know if you did not receive the email.)*

2. **Introduction Webinar 1:** We will have our introductory webinar on **Monday, June 23, 2014 at 10:00am MST**

Please follow this link to register for the online meeting:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/861469822>

During this webinar we will discuss:

Project agreement
OneSpace user overview

Details for upcoming in-person meeting

3. **Meeting 1:**

Date: July 17th (beginning at noon) and 18th, 2014

Location: Los Angeles, CA