



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

- Parents and community stakeholders are involved and engaged in the school district
- The board is accessible to stakeholders and accountable for the performance of the school district
- The board is setting the standard for student achievement, while incorporating the community's view, and
- The board is working collaboratively with the superintendent to establish a vision and mission to measure student growth and improvement to ensure district goals are achieved.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) presents a proposal regarding community engagement at the request of the Board of Education and/or Superintendent from the interested school district/ESU. Marcia Herring, Director of Board Leadership, facilitates the session(s), held at a school or community center as designated. Administration, teachers, staff, students and patrons are invited to attend and engage with the following sample questions:

1. Identify the strengths of the school district.
2. Identify the challenges that our students, district and community face.
3. Identify the obstacles which may prevent the board/administration from realizing progress or success of the identified priorities.
4. Identify strategies to address the identified priorities to ensure growth and progress of the district.
5. What specifically can you or the organization you represent offer to student learning and/or to the district?

The flow for the evening is set up with chairs/tables strategically placed for small group discussion. As participants enter, they are given the questionnaire and find seating in the circles. The evening promptly begins at designated time with a quick introduction to the evening from either the Board President or Superintendent. Marcia Herring, from NASB, facilitates the process. Instructions are given to read and discuss the first question as a group within a timed period of five to seven minutes. Each group identifies a recorder/spokesperson to report out to the rest of the groups at the end of the timed period a summary of their group discussion. This process is followed until all questions had been discussed by the groups and shared by the designated spokesperson. Allowing two hours for this event will ensure time for all stakeholders to have a voice.