

Our Schools Coalition

School Board Governance - What it is and How You Can Make Your Voice be Heard

What's school board governance?

Providing leadership for the district by planning, policy setting and monitoring and evaluating the superintendent's performance. The school board sets policy for items such as adopting a budget and curriculum and transportation.

Why does school board governance matter?

An effective school board leads to higher student achievement at the classroom level because the whole system is supported.

How can you make your voice heard?

Board Corps supports good governance practices in Seattle Public Schools (SPS) by being an unbiased, objective observer of school board governance and sharing information with SPS and the broader public.

By joining Board Corps you and other parents or guardians of current, incoming, or graduated SPS students, SPS alumni, or community leaders will help ensure the success of our public education system in Seattle. You are the key to an informed and engaged citizenry.

How to join Board Corps

- Participate in a two hour training on April 25 at the Rainier Beach Community Center from 10 a.m.—12 p.m. or April 28 from 6-8 p.m. at the Phinney Neighborhood Center where you will learn the Core Characteristics of Effective School Boards, review a training manual and learn how to fill out the Board Corps evaluation form.
- Attend a project launch event in late May.
- Attend, observe and evaluate three board meetings between April and October.
- Host or co-host one neighborhood meeting before August 4 and one before November 3.

What's the time commitment?

14 hours over nine months that will have an invaluable impact and support the success of Seattle's 52,000 students in 97 schools.

Board Corps Training Dates (Choose One)

- April 25 from 10 a.m.—12 p.m.
Rainier Beach Community Center
8825 Rainier Ave S
Seattle, WA 98118
- April 28 from 6-8 p.m.
Phinney Neighborhood Center
6532 Phinney Ave N
Seattle, WA 98103



The Our Schools Coalition is Seattle's largest K-12 education coalition, comprised of a diverse set of community organizations, education advocates, parents, businesses and elected officials. The coalition employs collective impact strategies to improve the quality of education for students in SPS.

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