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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FLASH #2

Responsibilities of School Directors

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A school director should promote education as a keystone of democracy

A school director should lead responsibly

- Prepare for and actively participate in board meetings
- Collaborate with the superintendent, who manages the school district
- Serve on and chair school board committees

A school director should govern effectively

- Plan for the short-term and the long-term
- Develop, adopt, revise and review policies in a timely manner
- Allocate finances and resources efficiently, effectively and legally
- Evaluate continuously using appropriate data to make informed decisions

A school director must...

- Promote open, honest, and respectful dialogue among the directors, district staff and community members
- Listen and learn from directors, staff, community members and experts

A school director should act ethically

- Never use the position for improper benefit for yourself or others
- Avoid actual and perceived conflicts of interest
- Recognize that you have no authority to act individually outside of the collective board

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Resources

- Pennsylvania School Boards Association
Information in this presentation was adapted from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association's *Principles for Governance and Leadership*
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- Lackawanna County Department of Elections
www.lackawannacounty.org
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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

Anthropologist