

FIND YOUR GREATNESS

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We're all capable of finding our greatness.



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A new way to lead.

Here are three questions to ask yourself and your board:

- What matters in the work you are engaged in?
- What about your school board service brings a sense of purpose and meaning?
- How do we include everyone, and feel connected to a common purpose?

“A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader, a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt



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INSPIRE

CONNECT TO THE WHY AND FIND YOUR SPARK

To connect to others, you need to be inspired first:

- When you connect to the why, your spark, you will be able to help others find their spark.
- No judgement...when your colleagues feel you understand them, they tend to trust, or least be open to it.
- People today increasingly want to use their talents, skills and time to make meaningful contributions, to know their work matters.



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BUILDING A BETTER BOARD

CREATE A CULTURE OF TRUST ON YOUR BOARD

- Collaborate on mutually agreed upon expectations and be innovative, so your goals stay relevant in a changing world
- Be intentional when connecting your work as a board, with the talents and skills of your colleagues
- Throw out the old Mission, Vision and Values and **REPLACE** with Purpose, Meaning and Contribution
- Put service above self interest



This is what I do know...

- Everyone in this room is a leader.
- You are the leading advocates for public education.

STAND IN THE GAP





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I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you make them feel.

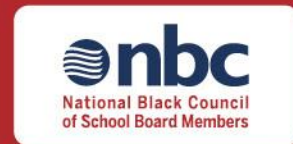
—Maya Angelou



National School Boards Association

We are a nonpartisan association dedicated to ensuring each student has access to an excellent and equitable public education governed by high-performing school boards and supported by the community.

Empowering Advocates Nationwide





The leading advocate for public education

What is NSBA?

- NSBA, a nonpartisan association, leads through working with members, affiliates, and stakeholders to advocate for high- quality public education and school board governance with the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.
- NSBA believes that public education is a civil right necessary to the dignity and freedom of the American people and that each child, regardless of their disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or citizenship, deserves equitable access to an education that maximizes their individual potential.
- NSBA leads the national conversation about public education; advocates for public policies that ensure each student everywhere has access to an excellent public education; creates a better understanding of the importance of school boards and the benefits of local governance; and enhances the effectiveness of school boards.



CUBE Chairman Gill Garrett brought his official canine partner, Sadie, to a Pontiac School District classroom in Michigan.



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NSBA's Advocacy Priorities

NSBA is about the common challenges facing ALL school board members, whether they reside in our largest cities or our most remote rural areas. Included among these challenges:

- Providing support for historically disadvantaged students.
- Increasing broadband access and closing the homework gap.
- Ensuring that each classroom is staffed with a highly qualified teacher.
- Providing support for students with disabilities and mental health needs.
- Addressing learning recovery as a result of inequities already existing but exacerbated by the pandemic.



Innovation at Arizona's Cave Creek Unified School District produced the Vocational Success for Students With Disabilities program.

New Report Series: Educational Equity for Rural Students: Out of the Pandemic, but Still Out of the Loop

A new research report series from NSBA's Center for Public Education examines unequal learning opportunities and achievement gaps affecting rural students:

- Part 1: Growing Diversity of Rural Students***
- Part 2: An Urgent Need to Fix the Digital Divide***
- Part 3: Thinking Broadly and Deeply about Rural Student Achievement and Teacher Pipelines***
- Part 4: School Safety and Mental Health of Rural Students: Things That Matter***
- Part 5: Parent Support and Community Culture Are Assets of Rural Schools (Expected in January 2024)***

Download at nsba.org/RuralReports



**ALL ARE
WELCOME
TO ATTEND**

nsba EVENTS

NSBA offers in-person and online events for education leaders to network and participate in the national conversation about public education. Mark your calendar for an upcoming NSBA Signature Event.

Free
DEC. 13, 2023
**Rural Education
Virtual Summit**
Online

JAN. 27, 2024
Equity Symposium
Washington, DC

JAN. 28-30, 2024
Advocacy Institute
Washington, DC

APRIL 5, 2024
**Rural Education
Summit**
New Orleans, LA

APRIL 6-8, 2024
**Annual Conference
and Exposition**
New Orleans, LA

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