

# A Few Basics of Board Service

MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION



# Board Work: What's Our Role?

## School Boards:

- Clarify district purpose
- Connect with the community
- Employ a superintendent
- Delegate authority
- Monitor district performance
- Take responsibility for themselves

# Board Work: Specific Tools

- Governing Documents include:
  - School Board Policy
  - The District's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP)
  - The Budget
  - The Superintendent Evaluation
  - The District Professional Development Plan
  - The Open-meeting Agenda

# Board Tools: Governing Documents

- Governing Documents Direct or Control:

Legal compliance/liability risk

Long-term district goals

Expenditure of public funds

Employment/evaluation standards

Staff training/improvement standards

Open meeting focus and work

# Board Work: The Big Picture

- Boards Govern
- The Boards' main tools are its Governing Documents
- The Superintendent works for the Board
- Administrations Manage
- The Administrators' main tool is Procedure
- District Staff work for the Superintendent

# Single, Unified Purpose

- School Boards succeed when they govern districts in which every student is learning, in every subject, every year, no matter what.