



Top 7 Assessment Questions

for School Board Members

Every school board member should be able to answer these seven questions about a school district's assessment system.

- 1** How do assessments support the district in **ACHIEVING** its goals?
- 2** Do the district's assessments meet **ESSENTIAL** instructional, diagnostic, program evaluation, and accountability **PURPOSES**?
- 3** Is there evidence that the assessments are aligned to the state academic **STANDARDS**? Do they **MEASURE WHAT STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO LEARN**?
- 4** Is there a plan to **TRANSPARENTLY COMMUNICATE** assessment information and results to students, parents, and teachers?
- 5** Are **ADEQUATE TIME, SUPPORT, and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** provided for teachers, principals, and other staff to collaborate to interpret and use assessment results?
- 6** Do assessments provide **APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS** for students with disabilities and English learners?
- 7** Are the **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES CLEAR** for all who manage or access assessment data?



Questions to Ask

About Every NEW District Assessment

- What **need** does this assessment address that is not met with currently-used assessments?

- How does this assessment **improve the overall assessment system** in the district?

- Is the assessment **cost-effective** vs current or other options?

- Will any assessments be **eliminated** as a result of adopting this assessment?

- How will the results of this assessment be **communicated** to teachers, students, and/or parents?

- How will **confidentiality** of the assessment results be maintained?

- What are the **technology requirements** for administering this assessment?