# Getting Newly Elected Board Members Up to Speed

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#### What's the Weather Tomorrow?

# Weather





# How Accurate is your Forecast?



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### Individual to TEAM



The strength of the team is each individual member... the strength of each member is the team.

~ Coach Phil Jackson, Chicago Bulls



# Adult Learning Research





# Help Develop Background Knowledge



#### LOCAL New Member Orientation

- Reduces time for board to regain previous level of performance from 12 months to 3-6 months!
  - Neyland & Reynolds-Gibb (2010) Successful Transitions: What to do When the School District Leadership Changes.
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## Let's Talk





- Basic information
- Documents
- Meeting with Administrator(s)
- Contacts and contact information
- Meeting with the board chair
- Board Governance



## **Keys to Orientation**

- Purposeful
- Led by board chair and supt.
- Addresses new tasks and new relationships
- Incremental



## QUESTIONS!!!

- What do you wish you would have known early in your board career?
- What key information do new board members need?
- When do they need to know?
- Who should provide such information?

