

The Best Practice Handbook for Student Achievement in Public Education

Education Interim Committee
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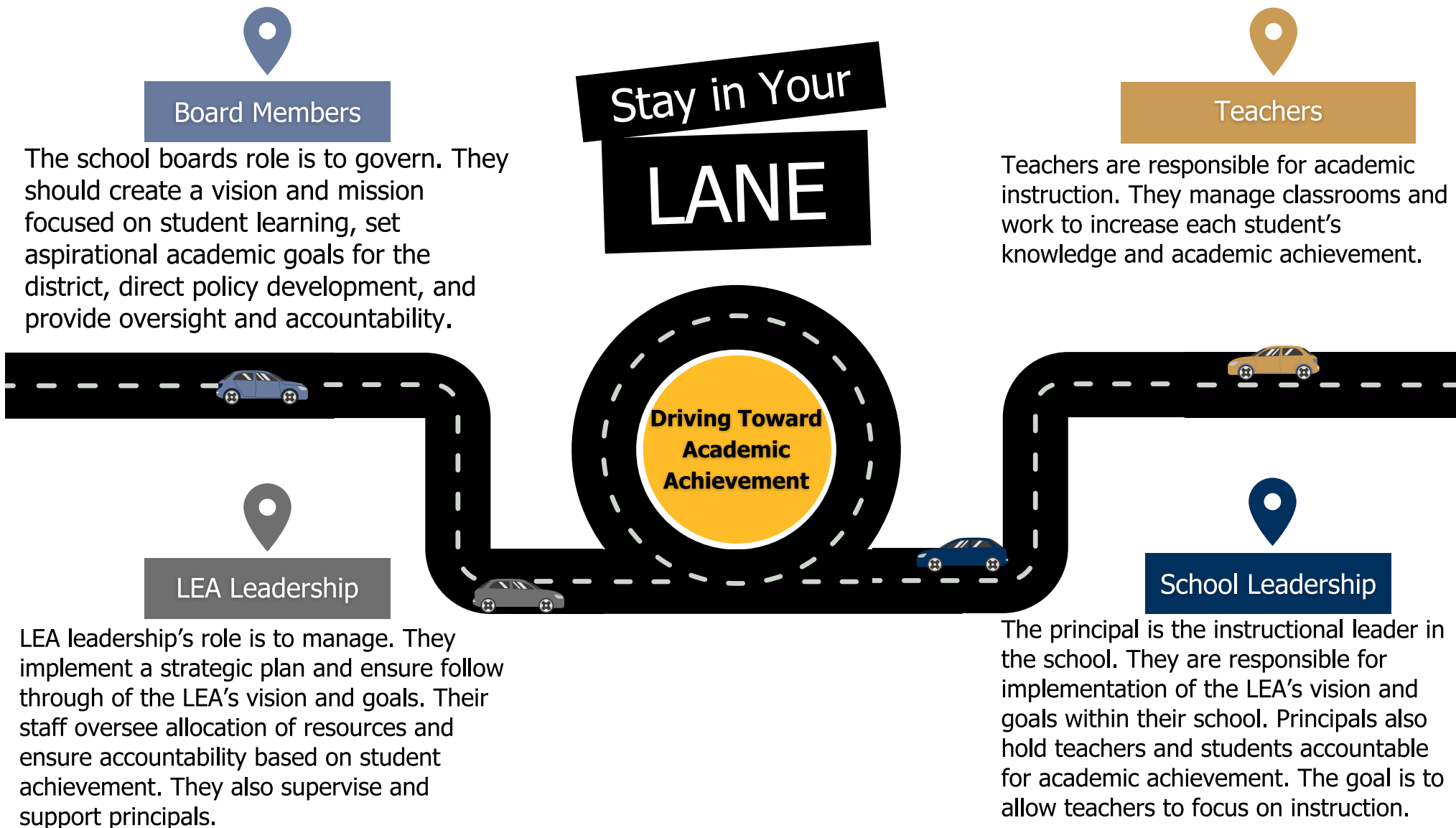
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public education is
**student learning &
academic
achievement**

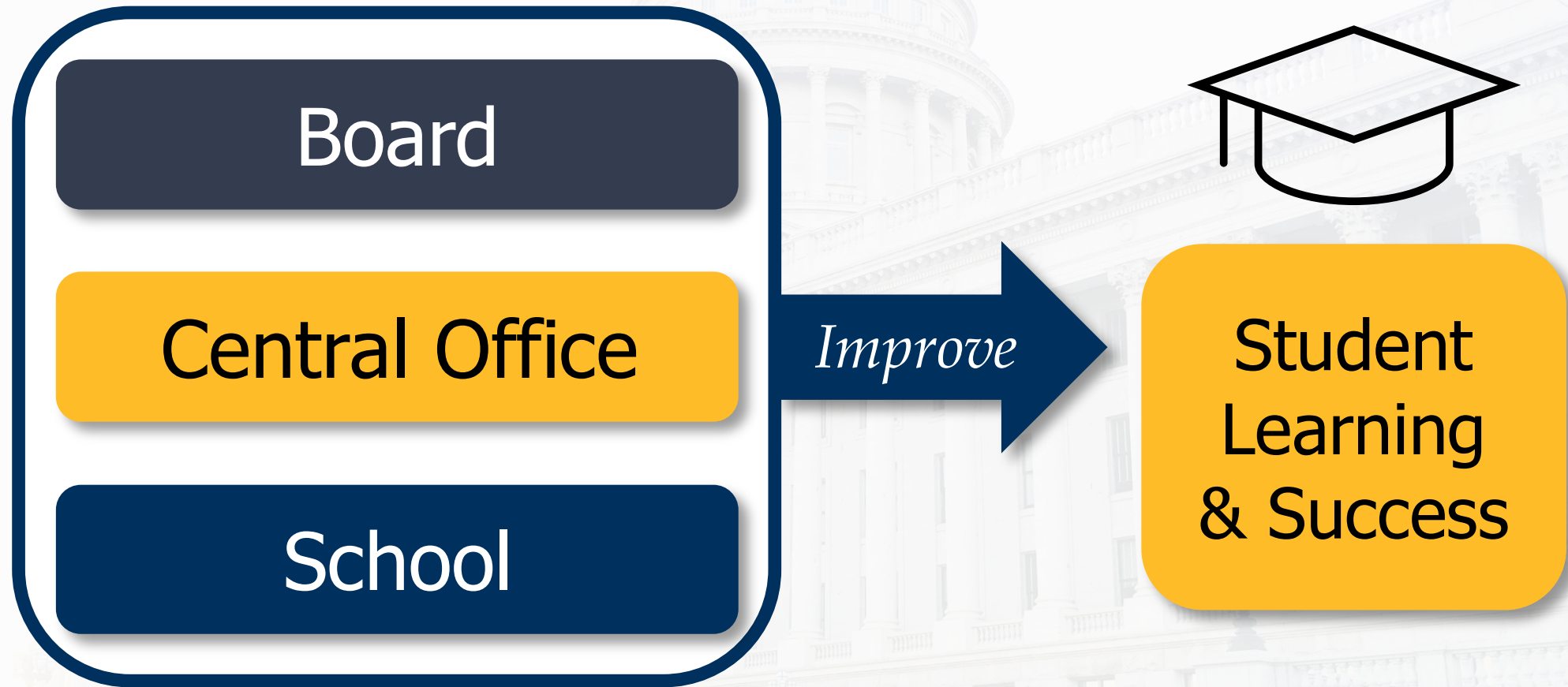




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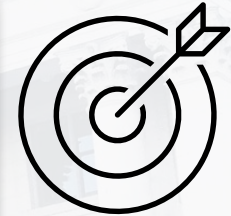


Effective Local Boards of Education...



**Develop Vision,
Mission, and Goals**

**Focus on Student
Academic
Achievement**



**Clarify the
Superintendent
Relationship**

**Opportunity
to Improve**



Improved Training for
Charter Board Members
which can apply to all
Local Boards of Education

**Positive
Implementation**



Park City School District's
Strategic Plan



Strategic Questions for Board Consideration

- Does the LEA have a strategic plan? Does this plan contain all the necessary elements and is it clearly focused on student learning and academic achievement?
- Are there sufficient resources to support the LEA's strategic plan and objectives?
- Does the LEA have a clear framework outlining the relationship between the LEA and the schools? How much autonomy do individual schools have?

Questions to Guide Discussion



Resources for Additional Learning



Additional Resources

Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, 2022, *Guide to Strategic Planning*, https://gopb.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022_07_11-Strategic-Plan-Guidance.pdf

National School Boards Association, 2018, *The Key Work of School Boards*, <https://tsba.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Key-Work-Cover-and-Text-20Jan15.pdf>



Complete List of Best
Practices

**Board
Members**

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**LEA Central
Offices**

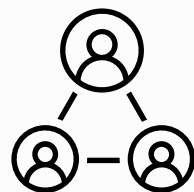
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**School
Principals**

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Effective LEA Central Offices...



**Align Staff Around
Supporting Schools**

**Ensure Each School
Has a High-Quality
Principal**



**Provide
Instructional Clarity**

Opportunity
to Improve



Audit Work Demonstrated
That Principals Feel A
Need For Better Training
And Support

Positive
Implementation



Houston Independent
School District
Principal Pipeline

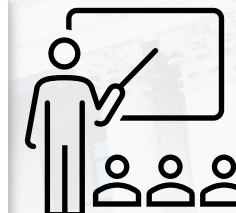


Effective Principals Are...



**Visionary School
Planners**

**Instructional
Leaders**



**Champions of
Teacher
Collaboration**

**Experts in Tiered
Interventions**



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