A governance team not exerting proper attention to data often can lead to a challenge in school leadership. However, improving student achievement isn’t all about performance and test scores. It’s also about communication, trust, leadership, vision, understanding roles and responsibilities, quality relationships and keeping the focus on students … not adults.

Districts are experiencing declining enrollment, fiscal uncertainties, operating losses and low stakeholder involvement. The main job of every governance team is to oversee the organization and see the “big picture.” Part of the board’s big picture analysis must be spotting the next crisis or threat. Remember a crisis is just a threat that was ignored too long.

Properly using the right data can help school districts identify a potential crisis and predict future outcomes. In the current environment where districts are challenged to do more with scarce resources, effective governance is the only way to focus on critical priorities that fulfill the mission of a quality educational program for all students.

The Michigan Association of School Boards has a systemic approach to assist boards in becoming a cohesive, high-performing governance team.

 MASB conducts an audit of your governance practices to determine the training and services necessary to improve your performance and outcomes.

1. Needs assessment to determine individual and board perceptions of:
   - Student achievement
   - Accountability
   - Board culture and conduct
   - Ethics
2. Board assessment report with customized recommendations
3. Training delivery examples
   - Developing board goals
   - Data-driven decisionmaking
   - Effective committee structure
   - Teambuilding
   - Conflict management
   - Board operating processes
   - Effective board meetings
   - Board self-assessment
4. Follow-up evaluation
   - Ensure progress and success
   - Re-survey to determine necessary changes and review perceptions

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Costs
The process ranges from $4,000 – $5,000 and includes three customized training sessions with professional facilitators, electronic assessments and evaluations.