

A BoardSavvy CEO Defined

Governance Knowledge

A BoardSavvy CEO:

- Has a strong understanding of effective governance best practice
- Annually completes professional development on governance
- Reads extensively about board governance issues
- Serves on another board outside of his or her organization

Governance Prioritized

A BoardSavvy CEO:

- Sees developing and maintaining the board as one of his or her primary responsibilities
- Devotes significant time to helping the board run effectively
- Ensures that each board committee is appropriately staffed, either by the CEO or another senior staff member
- Includes governance training as a key component of professional development for senior staff

Board Education

A BoardSavvy CEO:

- Systematically and continually educates the board about key elements of running an exceptional charter school or network of schools
- Educates the board about the key issues the charter authorizer uses to judge the organization's performance
- Educates the board about the charter renewal process
- Educates the board about state and national measures of academic success

Setting Strategic Direction

A BoardSavvy CEO:

- Has a clear strategic vision for the organization
- Assists the board in clarifying the most important things they can do to help achieve the strategic vision

Communication

A BoardSavvy CEO:

- Communicates clearly and effectively with the board
- Always sends out clear, well-organized materials in advance of the board meeting
- Provides the board with annual metrics on which to measure their individual and organization-wide performance

Succession Planning

A BoardSavvy CEO:

- Partners with the board to develop an agreed upon short-term/emergency succession plan for the CEO position, that is well documented and reviewed annually.
- Annually discusses a long-term succession management plan for the organization with the board.