

Governance and the Independent School

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ABSTRACT

This workshop will consider issues for the School Board of Management. The Board, in partnership with the executive group, is responsible for balancing the needs of a school as a learning community and the more traditional accountability requirements, both financial and legal. The seminar will consider the special issues raised by the Board stakeholder interests to which the Board is accountable. The workshop is designed to be strongly participative. Small groups will work on a series of issues typically faced by not-for-profit boards, e.g. conflict of interest, relations with outside agencies, board composition, respective roles of management and the board, communicating to the school community and reviewing board performance. The focus will be on developing an approach to these issues within the education setting.