

Knowledge of and Voting for School Boards Worksheets

Summary Indicator Worksheet	
Summary of Indicator Topics	Consider your Civic Index score in relation to the topic described. Write a few notes about how this topic seems relevant or not relevant to your school community.
<p>Topic 1: Increase public participation in school board activities</p> <p>This topic connects with the following indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Individuals monitor school board decisions and policies</i> - <i>Individuals vote regularly in school board elections</i> - <i>Individuals belong to an organization that regularly addresses the school board or discusses school board policies at its meetings</i> <p>To raise a Civic Index score in this area, communities need to actively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve voter turnout - Increase public participation in school board meetings 	
<p>Topic 2: Establish relationships with individual board members</p> <p>This topic connects with the following indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Individuals monitor school board decisions and policies</i> - <i>Individuals belong to an organization that regularly addresses the school board or discusses school board policies at its meetings</i> <p>To raise a Civic Index score in this area, school communities need to actively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Know who newly elected board members - Establish routine ways to communicate with individual school board members 	
<p>Topic 3: Strengthen networks between the school board, local leaders, and the community</p> <p>This topic relates to the following indicator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Individuals belong to an organization that regularly addresses the school board or discusses school board policies at its meetings</i> <p>To raise a Civic Index score in this area, school communities need to actively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in activities such as discussion forums, town meetings, or other communication strategies that bring school board issues to the public's attention - Bring a broad range of community resources together to improve education 	

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Common Results Worksheet

Increasing the public's *Knowledge of and Voting for School Boards* can result in greater public responsibility from elected school board members and a broader range of public participation in education decision-making. Take a moment to think about how participation in school board activities can be improved. For each description below, use the scale provided to note the value you give to each possible result.

5 as the highest value 1 as the lowest value

Increasing information flow between the public and elected school boards

Increased communication between the public and school boards creates a more informed and activated community.

<i>What value do you place on this result?</i>	5	4	3	2	1
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Encouraging greater public responsibility

Increased public presence at school board elections and meetings helps keep school board members responsible to parents, students, and the greater community.

<i>What value do you place on this result?</i>	5	4	3	2	1
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Motivating partnerships

School boards that work in partnership with their voters, local leaders, and community groups can obtain more resources and cooperation from non-school entities.

<i>What value do you place on this result?</i>	5	4	3	2	1
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Activating a broad voting public

Increasing the range of participation in school board activities ensures there is greater representation of the community as a whole on education issues.

<i>What value do you place on this result?</i>	5	4	3	2	1
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Key Issues Worksheet

Knowledge of and Voting for School Board

Take a moment to think about the public's *Knowledge of and Voting for School Boards* and how it supports education in your community.

In your school community, what is the average voter turnout for school board elections?

How are school boards working to increase public participation in school board meetings and activities?

What lessons do you have from previous successes and challenges with increasing public participation in school board activities?

What resources and partnerships can your school community call on to help improve public participation in school board activities?