

Generative questions for Boards to consider, put together by former International Head Chip Barder.

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SOME GENERATIVE QUESTIONS FOR BOARDS AND HEADS TO KEEP IN MIND AS THEY DEAL WITH THE CORONA VIRUS CRISIS:

1. How, if at all, should we need to govern differently in this time of crisis?
2. What core values, beyond student and staff safety, should guide our decisions and actions?
3. What elements of the school's values and culture are being put to the test during this time? Why? Implications?
4. What questions should we be asking ourselves before considering this issue?
5. What does deciding the issue this way (vs another way) reveal about who we are and what we stand for?
6. What's really going on here?
7. As we focus on the most immediate and pressing needs, how do we ensure that we don't lose sight of the bigger picture / longer term?
8. What are we learning about our community and about education as a result of isolation?
9. What does the Head of School most need and how can the board add the most value at this time?
10. What will the school, students, and staff most need when we reopen?
11. Are we learning anything that might cause us to rethink the assumptions that 'school' is based on?
12. Do we WANT our 'school' to be the same as it was before this crisis?
13. What must we not lose or compromise as we adapt to the new reality?
14. What did we think was true before (the pandemic) that turns out not to be true now? What does that tell us?