

**Vandercook Lake Public Schools
Governance Team Standards of Practice**

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As elected trustees of Vandercook Lake Public Schools, we understand our roles and responsibilities for the ownership and the success of the school system. To that end, we appoint the superintendent to advise us on all policy matters and to manage the day-to-day operations of the district. The superintendent is a full member of the governance team, and, like any team, we understand the critical importance of conducting our business in the most effective and professional manner possible. Therefore, we commit to the following:

1. The children that the district was established to serve will be given first consideration in every decision that we make, even when it means placing ourselves at risk with adult constituents.
2. The elected members of the governance team will do everything within their power to establish and maintain effective communication and strong relationships with each other and with the superintendent.
3. We will not unnecessarily surprise each other in public.
4. Once we make a decision, every member of the team will fully support the decision of the majority of the team's elected members.
5. In our relationships with each other and with our constituents, we will practice good listening skills with an open mind to new thoughts and ideas; we will demonstrate respect for each other and our constituents, even when we disagree with their opinions.
6. We will assume responsibility for defining success for the system, and then will utilize that planning process as our sole agenda.
7. By the adoption of these governance team standards of practice, we hereby authorize and establish the expectation that the chair of the board, or his or her designee, shall assume responsibility for their enforcement.

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