1) **Difference Making School Boards**

1) Commit to a vision of **high expectations** for students
2) **Share beliefs** about students’ abilities to learn
3) Are **accountability** driven, and focused on student outcomes
4) Have a **collaborative relationship** with staff and community
5) Are **data savvy**
6) **Align and sustain resources** to district goals
7) Lead as a **united team** with the superintendent
8) Take part in **team development and training**
9) **Planning**

2) **The Key Work of School Boards**

1) **Standards**
2) **Assessment**
   - Info from FAQs Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium website: [http://www.smarterbalanced.org/resources-events/faqs/](http://www.smarterbalanced.org/resources-events/faqs/)
3) **Accountability**
4) **Alignment**
5) **Climate**
6) **Collaborative Relationships**
7) **Continuous Improvement**
8) **Vision**

3) **Decision-Making Cycle**

1) **Baseline**
2) **Resource Alignment**
3) **Programs and Practices**
4) **Student Outcomes**

**Gateway to Student Achievement website:**