

Strengthening Governance and Authorizer Partnerships

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Setting the Stage for Strong Partnerships

Great outcomes start with clarity.



Let's clarify roles, reframe oversight, and address practical approaches for building a strong, trust-based partnership with your authorizer.

The Authorizer Role

Oversight. Accountability. Student Success.



AUTHORIZER

Authorizers are public entities that grant charter school contracts and ensure schools operate in compliance with law and contract terms to deliver quality education.



APPOINTS ALL PUBLIC BOARD MEMBERS

In Michigan, authorizers have the formal responsibility to appoint all members of the public school board.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES



HOLDS THE CHARTER CONTRACT

Approves, renews, or revokes charter contracts based on performance and adherence to law.



MONITORS PERFORMANCE

Reviews academic, financial, and organizational data to assess school performance.



ENSURES COMPLIANCE

Verifies schools meet legal, contractual, and policy requirements.



PROTECTS THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Acts as a steward for students and communities by ensuring responsible use of public funds.



HOLDS SCHOOLS ACCOUNTABLE

Takes appropriate action when performance or compliance issues are not addressed.

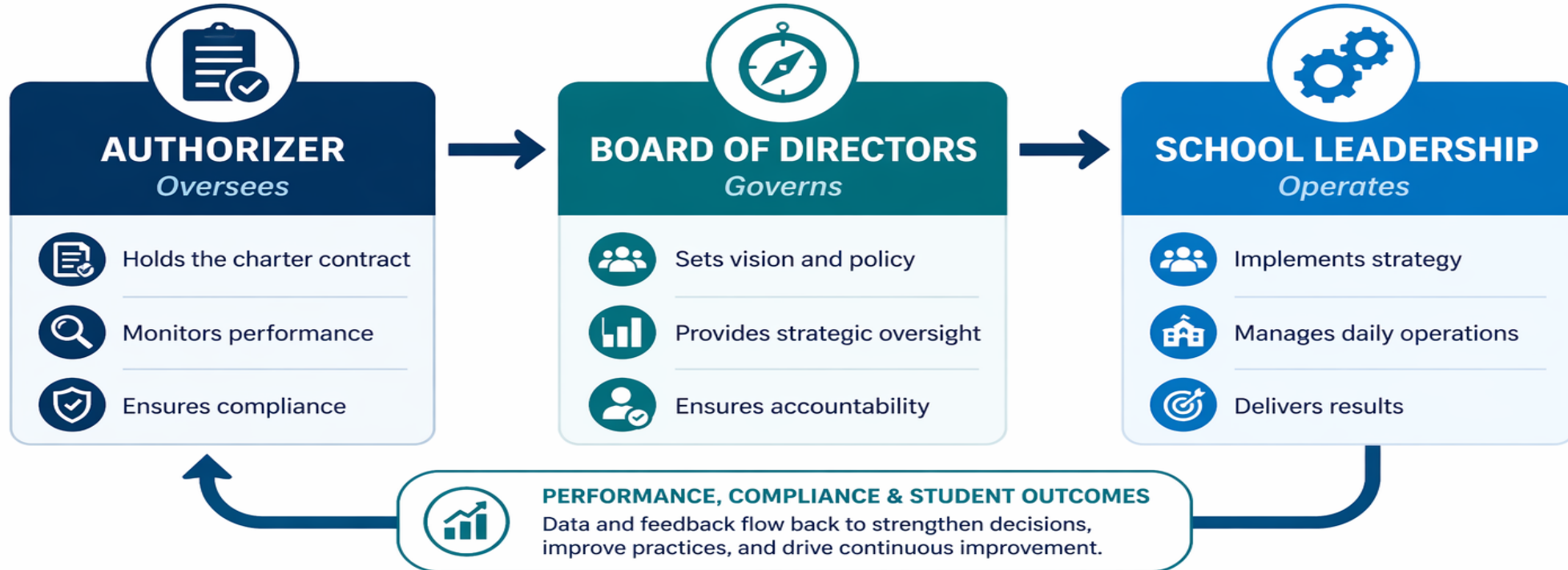


Strong oversight today. Stronger schools tomorrow.

ACCOUNTABILITY

HOW ACCOUNTABILITY FLOWS IN A CHARTER SCHOOL

Distinct Roles. Shared Responsibility. Student Success.



SHARED RESPONSIBILITY:



TRUST



TRANSPARENCY



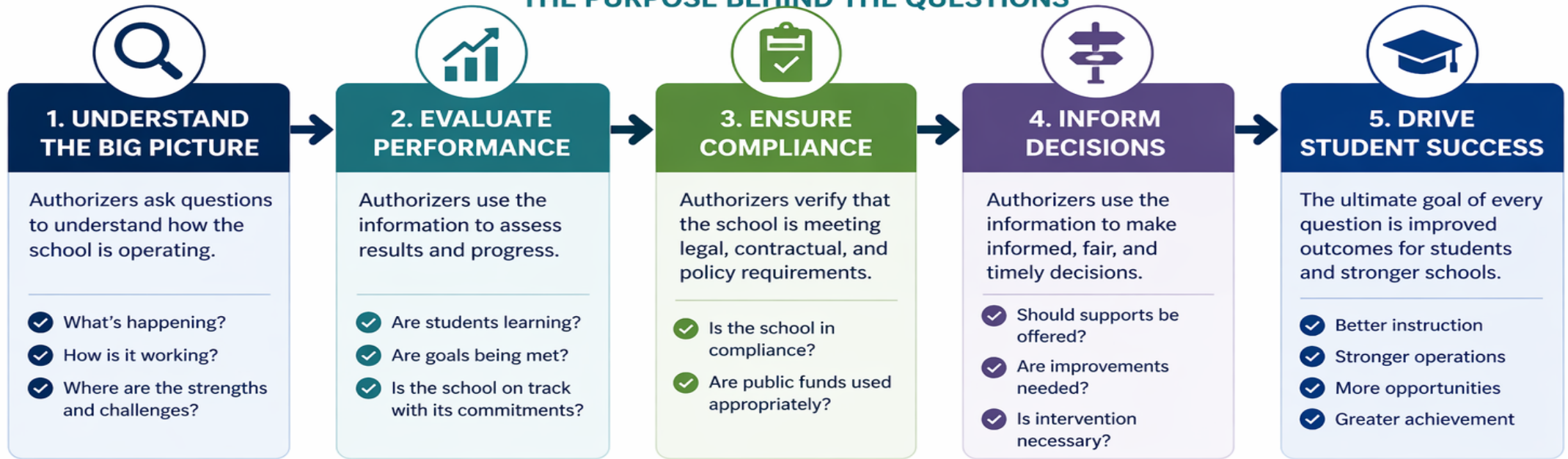
RESPECT FOR ROLES

UNDERSTANDING THE WHY

WHY AUTHORIZERS ASK WHAT THEY ASK FOR

★ *Every question has a purpose. Every request supports accountability and student success.* ★

THE PURPOSE BEHIND THE QUESTIONS



NOT ABOUT PAPERWORK. IT'S ABOUT PURPOSE.

Authorizers ask for information because it helps us fulfill our responsibility to oversee schools, ensure accountability, and protect the public trust—so every student has the opportunity to succeed.



OUR ROLE.



Ask good questions.



Seek meaningful information.



Make informed decisions.



Improve outcomes for every student.

THE CHARTER CONTRACT

Your Shared Anchor

— One contract. Shared commitments. Student success. —



DIFFERENT ROLES.
SHARED COMMITMENT.



ONE ANCHOR.
STUDENT SUCCESS.



STRONGER TOGETHER.
FOR STUDENTS.

GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORIZER ALIGNMENT



Alignment happens when roles are clear and partnerships are intentional.

THANK YOU!



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