



## **Essentials of Governance: Developing the “Trust” in Trusteeship**

Governing an independent school is learned behavior; in other words, very little about it comes naturally to board members. On the contrary, much about being an effective governor either seems unnatural or counter-intuitive, especially to those experienced in corporate governance in the for-profit sector. Even experienced trustees from, say, an art museum, mental health foundation, or community social service agency will find much that differs when it comes to independent school board service. Triangle Associates' *Essentials of Governance* seminar modules take a board from the basics of governing to ensuring school sustainability to mastering strategic and generative thinking.

### **About Developing the “Trust” in Trusteeship**

This session will focus on the essentials—what new trustees need to know to “hit the ground running,” fulfill their roles, add value to their schools, and stay out of trouble. Topics will include:

- What “trusteeship” means concerning for whom you govern;
- What effective fiduciary oversight means in the school context;
- What boards do and how they do it;
- How the board partners with the head of school;
- How trustees relate to members of other groups in the school; and
- Ways boards add and subtract value through their governance.

Other modules in this seminar series:

- The Basics and Beyond for Financial Leadership
- Evaluating Schools and School Leaders
- Mastering Strategic and Generative Thinking