



## School Board Leadership Academy - Cohort 2

The SBLA program offers a unique peer-leadership forum for newly elected, appointed or current school board members in both the public and charter school space. You will have the opportunity to develop perspective and empathy for diverse experiences, learn critical dialogue skills, and interact with other leaders working to conquer similar challenges.

American Leadership Forum centers on the premise that good leadership requires a sense of civic responsibility, a positive vision, the ability to foster a climate of trust and open dialogue among diverse constituencies, along with collaborative problem solving. Through the SBLA, you'll explore your leadership stance while the cohort learns together about the nature of shared commitment, collective wisdom, and networked action.

Upon completion of the SBLA cohort participants will become a part of a growing network of leaders in the education space that have completed this 48-hour certification program. This network will continue to be activated to support on-going learning and provide a resource to you as a school board leader. The class meets monthly for six months running from January – June 2018. All meetings will run from 9:00-3:00 p.m. and will be located at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Cost: \$495 payable to American Leadership Forum.

### Itinerary

#### **Session 1: Orientation**

The goal of this session is to orient participants to the program as well as to foster deep connects amongst cohort members. In addition, the cohort will work on a collective learning agenda.

#### **Session 2: Mindfulness**

The goal of this session will be introduce the concepts of mindfulness as a path to successful leadership.

#### **Session 3: Governance and the Art of Dialogue**

In this session participants will learn ALF's model for effective dialogue which is inclusive of different viewpoints, generates group intelligence and leads to smart decisions with maximum buy-in.

#### **Session 4: Leadership Stance**

In this session the group will work individually as well as collectively to consider their leadership stance

#### **Session 5: Innovative Partnerships**

The goal of this session is to provide the group with information about the power of networked leadership and its ability to impact systems change.

#### **Session 6: Taking Stock**

In this final session participants will reflect on their learning path as well as consider their next steps as school board leaders.