



ONTARIO EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION

Good Governance for School Boards

Trustee Professional Development Program

Ice-Breaker

This ice-breaker helps participants to work cooperatively and builds on the expertise and experiences of the members of the group.

Start with a simple but provocative topic related to the content of the module and ask participants to free associate ideas that go with that topic or answer the given question.

There are no right or wrong answers and no limit to the number of possibilities, although you may want to limit the time or the number for the purposes of your workshop. You may choose to record the answers on chart paper but that is not necessary and may indeed slow things down. The idea is to get people thinking and interested in the session about **Module 2**.

Some suggested topics or questions include:

What does “student achievement” mean?

Why is universal access to public schools important?

What characteristics do high-performing schools share?

“Team work is not a virtue; it is a choice, it is a strategic decision.” Patrick Lencioni