

Blue Sky Thinkers




BONUS – Might be behind a paywall. Send me an email and I will pull you a copy. Critical analysis in Atlantic Monthly from Jonathan Haidt, author of “The Coddling of the American Mind (Also a Great Read)... “Get Phones Out of Schools Now: They impede learning, stunt relationships, and lessen belonging. They should be banned.””

Blue Sky the World of Podcasts


	<p>Mel Robbins and Never Enough: 7 Ways to Protect Yourself (and Your Kids) From Toxic Pressure (Click Here)</p> <p>Fabulous Podcast on the state of young people, the challenges of parenting, stress, wellness and support. How we can do better for ourselves, our students and our kids.</p> <p>The topics within this are a “must do” presentation for students in your school. I could see a fabulous 20-30 minute full high school presentation to students, and maybe parents on the ideas within this show. I would love the challenge of doing it if interested...</p>
	<p>Reach Boarding – Courtenay Shrimpton on “Change Management and Leadership in Schools” (Click Here)</p> <p>My own Podcast that was launched a week(+) ago on the Reach platform.</p> <p>Podcast focusses on how change is difficult but absolutely necessary. Addressing the gap between the “real and the ideal” and how we engage teachers in the change process.</p>
	<p>Lassoing Leadership – One of your own, Jason Rogers with Garth Nichols (Click Here)</p> <p>Jason Rogers and Garth Nichols take the show Ted Lasso episode by episode and explore the themes of Leadership. Lots of fun.</p>



Blue Sky the Development of an Effective Board

	<p>A Nonprofit’s Checklist for Better Board Succession Planning (Click Here)</p> <p>Plus</p>
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	<p>Welcoming New Board Members: Tips for Successful Onboarding (Click Here)</p> <p>Outstanding resource from boardable for the development of your board.</p> <p>Great resources to share with your Chair to ensure you are planning ahead, developing a pipeline and helping Board members to understand their responsibilities.</p>
	<p>Becoming And Remaining A Healthy Board: The Rules Of Engagement (Click Here)</p> <p>Littleford and Associates website, which has lots of good resources/articles. John Littleford was/is one of the top consultants in the US.</p> <p>Article lays out fourteen key points that Heads should consider as they operate the specifics of Board engagements. Littleford is focused on ensuring the effectiveness of Board work, but also protecting the Head.</p>
	<p>Developing the New Member Pipeline: Key Considerations for Independent School Boards (Click Here)</p> <p>Medium is a source for content on a wide variety of topics, educational and other. Its goals “Ultimately, our goal is to deepen our collective understanding of the world through the power of writing.”</p> <p>Key topics within this article: The Quest for Board Diversity, The Pipeline Process, Key Questions, and includes scenarios.</p>
	<p>Journal of Educational Administration - Board governance of independent schools: A framework for investigation (Click Here)</p> <p>From the abstract “This paper develops a theoretical framework to guide future inquiry into board governance of independent schools. Design/methodology/approach – The authors' approach is to integrate literatures related to corporate and educational boards, motivation, leadership and group processes that are appropriate for conceptualizing independent school board governance processes.”</p>

Blue Sky School Student Leaders(hip)

	<p>Establish a Culture of Leadership for Students to Model (Click Here)</p> <p>Article from the NAIS, 2018, from Laura Blankenship.</p> <p>“Developing the leadership capacity of faculty and staff naturally leads to developing that capacity in our students. When faculty have a better understanding of their own leadership skills, they can better support their students’ leadership development.”</p>
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	<p>Journal of Leadership Education – An Evidence-Based Practitioner’s Model for Adolescent Leadership Development (Click Here)</p> <p>From the text “This paper proposes a model for youth leadership education based on adolescent development and leadership research in an effort to provide practitioners with a practical blueprint to aid their creation and implementation of high school leadership programs.”</p>
	<p>Student Leadership in the Middle Years: A Matter of Concern (Click Here)</p> <p>For all MLE, this article is an outstanding overview of the research and place of Middle School Student Leadership priorities. A fabulous read from start to finish, some intuitive, some simply good reminders.</p> <p>The results look at three areas in particular. The role of teacher leaders, student leadership structures and holistic development of middle year students.</p>

Blue Sky Philanthropy

	<p>The Philanthropist Journal - Meet the wealthy next-gen donors practising social justice philanthropy (Click Here)</p> <p>“We’re at the tipping point,” says one sector leader, of where to go next in engaging young donors to “become partners in systems change” and the “shifting of money and power.”</p> <p>Outstanding article in its own right, but also lays out a great deal of research in next-gen giving, particularly for women.</p>
	<p>CASE Insights on Philanthropy in Independent Schools (United States) (Click Here)</p> <p>Report on the 2022 Key Findings from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Many Advancement Directors will have seen this, but if they haven’t... Also, great for Heads.</p> <p>“Throughout this report, our team attempts to help you see your institution represented in the data. We have made an effort to split information between day and boarding schools and by enrollment size or gender composition where these features are relevant or present an interesting finding.”</p>
	<p>How the most successful fundraisers use stories to inspire and motivate donors. (Click Here)</p> <p>And</p> <p>The Importance of onboarding new families for philanthropy at independent schools (Click Here)</p>

Both of these articles from LinkedIn. There are lots of article about storytelling and Advancement. This is simply an introduction, plus the priority that needs to be placed on the onboarding process. Reminders, not depth. Perhaps these can be used to tease out the gap between real and ideal in your school.

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