

## Guiding Questions for REACH Validation Visit

Below are guiding questions and “big ideas” to keep in mind when conducting a REACH Validation Visit. These are not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather, to guide your validations, conversations, and interviews. They are a starting point, not a scripted set of interview questions. It is reasonable to expect that team members will make determinations as to the appropriateness of the question as well as unique verbiage that best fits the school environment. While conducting your Validation Visit, look for opportunities to delve further into specific nuances reflective of the school culture.

### **Over-Arching Questions:**

What is the school’s Mission Statement?

Is the Mission Statement known to constituents (those the school serves) and stakeholders (those invested in the school)?

In what ways is the Mission Statement evident in the school?

### **Questions for Board Conference:**

Describe the function of the board.

What would you determine are the unique descriptors of the school?

What are the major initiatives for continuous school improvement and how are they accomplished?

To what degree does the board provide support to the leadership of the school?

Share experiences that are typical of the relationship between the board and administration.

### **Questions for Administration Conference:**

Describe the function of the administrative (team).

Describe how the board function relates to your leadership.

What are the major initiatives for continuous school improvement and how are they accomplished?

Share experiences that are typical of the relationship between the board and administration.

### **Questions for Teacher Conference:**

What are unique descriptors of the school?

How would you describe communication channels at the school?

In what areas do you receive support? (regarding resource needs/encouragement/parent-teacher relationships/administration)

Share experiences that are typical of the relationship between teachers and admin as well as teacher and parent.

### **Questions for Student Conference:**

How would you describe the overall relationship between students and teachers? Students and administrators (principal)?

How would you describe your school?

Tell me about your chapel services.

### **Questions for Parent Conference:**

How would you describe the school?

How would you describe your opportunities to communicate concerns with teachers and administrators?

In what ways do you see evidence of the school’s mission being carried out?

How well do you believe the school is preparing your child for further education?