

Skip Kotkins



Skip Kotkins is no stranger to NEASC. A consultant with the firm of Carney, Sandoe & Associates, Skip has done a number of projects for NEASC including facilitating our most recent Strategic Plan. Skip is a Seattle native, a graduate of Lakeside School, Williams College and Harvard Business School. His business career included years as CEO of Skyway Luggage Company, terms on boards of directors of both NASDAQ and NYSE-listed public companies, and service as an economic advisor and branch bank director in the Federal Reserve system. He was an advisor to the US Dept. of Commerce on international trade policy. Skip has chaired eight different non-profit organizations including the world's largest Rotary Club, the Tony-Award-winning Seattle Repertory Theater and Lakeside School, He has been a board member of education, religious, health care, arts, civic and human services organizations; an officer and board member of the Northwest Association of Independent Schools; and served a rare extended term on the board of the National Association of Independent schools (NAIS). At NAIS, he chaired the Strategy and Design task force, helped write the *Principles of Good Practice*, and was a contributor to the *Trustee Handbook*. He is a frequent presenter at independent school conferences and has written articles for *Independent School* magazine. In his Carney Sandoe work, he conducts leadership searches, leads strategic planning projects, and has worked on board governance with schools in dozens of states and abroad. He likes to say that he operates “at the intersection of leadership and strategy” because great organizations need excellence and coordination in both in order to thrive.