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Leaders have been searching for an intentional coaching tool that can be utilized to facilitate more productive collaborations. We have a resource linked to the website we believe leaders and educators will quickly find useful. The resource roots professionals back to the foundational pieces of work we know have a positive impact on school improvement such as: Effective and Efficient Collaborations. Communications and Leadership. The resource will assist in answering the following questions to plan and facilitate more productive virtual interactions!

- \*How might I plan more effective and efficient virtual meetings?**
- \*How can I ensure voices and perspectives are engaged in a virtual setting?**
- \*How should I plan differently to meet the needs of participants who might be in separate locations for the learning?**
- \*Does the Kansas Learning Network have a document to guide me through the intentional planning process for virtual collaborations?**

The purpose of the resource is to provide the facilitator with a tool that can be used prior to facilitating a collaborative meeting. Facilitating collaborative conversations is skillful work and this tool can be used to guide a planning conversation between the facilitator, the leader of the collaborative group, and any other leading or supporting stakeholders to ensure virtual meetings are effective for participants!

This resource is FREE and has a multitude of uses. Click here to download the resource:

## **[Preparing to Engage Virtually: Planning Map](#)**

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