

The School Board makes decisions that determine how children are educated and tax dollars are spent.

Voting for School Board members is a simple but powerful way to support student success and strengthen your community.

The Right Person Makes a Difference

Qualities, Skills, and Experience you should look for in a School Board Candidate.

- What are the Candidate's vision and goals for high academic achievement for all students?
- Does the Candidate inspire parents and other stakeholders to have confidence in the local public schools?
- Does the Candidate understand that the School Board's role is about the big picture—setting the direction for the District, and providing oversight and accountability—rather than day-to-day management?
- Does the Candidate focus on one issue or discuss a broad range of School District concerns?
- Will the Candidate be able to work effectively with the rest of the Board to get things done?
- Will the Candidate enhance the mix of skills and backgrounds on the Board and help represent the diversity of the community?
- Is the Candidate committed to do what is right for all children, even in the face of opposition?
- Is the Candidate willing to devote the time needed to fulfill the four year commitment?

Your Local School Board



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What is a School Board?

A School Board is a nonpartisan locally elected body that represents public ownership of schools.

The Board serves as a bridge between public values and professional educators.

The optimum Board consists of a group of people with different perspectives and different frames of mind.

Boards should be close enough to understand the District's aims, operations, and cultures and yet far enough removed to see the big picture.



What Successful Board Members Do

- Set the direction and expectations of the School District
- Listen to constituents and share concerns with the whole Board
- Help constituents understand the proper process to solve problems
- Are accessible to the community
- Remember that they are elected locally but are responsible for the whole School District
- Work issues and concerns through the Superintendent; do not go directly to staff
- Seek constant improvement in student achievement
- Support decisions made by the Board
- Keep confidential matters confidential
- Remember an individual Board Member has no authority
- Refrain from promoting a personal agenda
- Publicize the great things happening in the School District

Official Duties of the Board

- Hire and supervise the Superintendent and Business Administrator
- Establish District vision and goals/priorities
- Develop and adopt policies for District operation
- Approve a balanced budget that supports District vision and goals
- Oversee implementation of the District plan
- Ensure accountability and set clear expectations
- Act as a liaison between the community and administration



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