

What are the main responsibilities of your board of education and its members?

The board of education:

- Adopts policies under which the school district operates;
- Oversees the budget;
- Approves the curriculum;
- Hires and evaluates the superintendent;
- Represents the public during contract negotiations; and
- Serves as a communications link between the community and the school system.

The function of the school board is not to run the schools, but to see that they are run effectively.

- The board establishes school district policy and goals and communicates those goals to the superintendent.
- The superintendent is accountable to the board, and all other staff members are accountable to the superintendent.

Your school board also determines how your tax dollars are invested in your school district.

- **The school budget** is the district's financial plan, and reflects all program needs. The board works with the superintendent in setting the parameters for budget development. Considerations include the school district's educational goals, student needs, compliance with state regulations, and the community's financial resources.
- After a public hearing, the board approves a proposed budget for placement on the April 27 ballot.
- That's where you come in...by exercising your civic duty as a voter.