

## What does my local school board do?

- Creates educational goals for the school district
- Hires and evaluates the Superintendent
- Approves school curriculum, calendars, and budgets
- Creates school district policy
- Works with parents and community members to build public support for quality education



**School board members are elected in nonpartisan elections. That means members of the school board do not represent a particular party.**

**The local school board makes an impact on your community by dealing with issues such as:**

School curriculum choices



Educational rights of children with disabilities



Educator quality



Educational opportunities



## How do you decide who to vote for?

### 1. Decide what you are looking for in a candidate.

- What issues are important to you?
- What qualities do you want in a leader?



### 2. Learn about the candidates.

- Watch candidate forums and interviews. Look for news coverage of the candidates. Google the candidates. Seek other nonpartisan sources for information.
- Review candidate websites, campaign materials, or contact the campaign to ask questions.
- What are their qualifications?
- What are their priorities?

### 3. Sort it out.

- Which candidate's priorities and views on the role of this position best match your own views?
- Who seems most prepared for the job?
- Who has the leadership qualities you are looking for?