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?