

# Board of Education Responsibilities\*

Local school boards (i.e. board of education in New Providence) are elected to be leaders and champions for public education in their states and communities.

The most important responsibility of school boards is to work with their communities to improve student achievement in their local public schools. School boards derive their power and authority from the state. In compliance with state and federal laws, school boards establish policies and regulations by which their local schools are governed.

A local school board is responsible for:

- employing the superintendent
- developing and adopting policies, curriculum, and the budget;
- overseeing facilities issues; and
- adopting collective bargaining agreements.

Above all, board members are responsible for and to all the students in the schools. Every policy approved and every action taken needs to be based on what is best for the education of ALL students.

NP Board of Ed members are policy makers, providing guidance through policy development in the areas of instruction, personnel, general administration, fiscal and business management, physical plant and community relations. These policies serve as a guide to the chief school administrator and provide him or her with direction, a basis for decision-making, and an imperative for action.

NP Board of Ed members do not run the schools. They do not perform the function of administration, teachers or parent organizations already in place in the district. They make sure the schools are run well.

*\* some information taken from the National School Board Association website (<https://www.nsba.org>)*

New Providence District Board of Education website link:

<https://www.npsd.k12.nj.us/domain/3>