

Local School Board Governance

State Policy Landscape





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Who we are.

The essential, indispensable member of any team addressing education policy.



What we do.

We believe in the power of learning from experience and we know informed policymakers create better education policy.



How we do it.

We research, report,
convene and counsel.



Agenda



- **School Board Selection Policies**
- School Board Compensation Policies
- **School Board Training Requirements**
- School Board Governance Research
- **Q&A**



School Board Selection

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- Vast majority of states elect local school board members.
- Florida, Indiana and Ohio are explicitly nonpartisan.
- At least 9 states have a combination of appointments and elections.

State Examples



- **Size of the Board**
 - Colorado and Utah
- **Member Representation**
 - California and New Mexico
- **Hybrid Boards**
 - Maryland and Ohio
- **Appointed Boards - Mayoral Control**
 - Ohio
 - Baltimore and New York City
- **Recent Legislative Changes**
 - Selection Method
 - Partisanship and Campaigns
 - Term Limits



School Board Compensation

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- Majority of board members are volunteers.
- Those compensated earn <\$5,000.
- State policies vary widely.
 - Mandated Base Salary
 - Permit Boards to Set Compensation
 - Limits
 - Pay Per Meeting



School Board Training

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- **Time**
 - 4-16 hours
- **Content**
 - Ethics
 - Curriculum and Instruction
 - Personnel Policies
 - Finance
 - School Law
 - Community Relations
 - Operations
- **State Examples**
 - Georgia
 - New Jersey



Research on Effective Governance

Research Findings



- Elections and Voter Turnout
- Elected vs. Appointed
 - Mayoral Control
- Compensation
- Effective Governance

Questions?





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