

AB School Board Legal Status

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The Georgia Constitution authorizes local boards of education to establish and maintain public schools.

The Georgia Constitution requires that an elected board of education oversee each public school system. Those Boards of Education are elected by the public and are accountable to the public for the fiduciary and stewardship responsibility of the wise use of public funds and public trust.

These governing powers are singularly vested in the Cobb County Board of Education (Board) and may not be delegated to others. However, the responsibility for the successful supervision and management of the educational and operational functions of the Cobb County School District (District) is delegated (conferred) to the Superintendent, who shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the District on behalf of the Board.

It is imperative that no single Board member on their own initiative should attempt to direct the Superintendent or their staff in a particular course of action. Only the Board as a whole has that authority and it shall act only through its duly appointed CEO.

It is equally important that all should be aware that the duty of the CEO is to carry out the directives of the full Board and that the CEO shall not attempt to assume the governing authority vested in the Board.

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Legal Reference

O.C.G.A. 20-02-0050 County school districts; county board for each county