

School Boards

School boards are amongst the most important elected offices in the state because of the immense power they have to shape public education.

What do local school boards do?

- Make decisions on which programs should be funded or unfunded in a district.
- Supervise employment decisions concerning school administrators.
- Approve raises or bonuses for teachers.
- Cut or add topics or subjects from school curricula.

Why do they matter for reproductive freedom?

- School boards make crucial decisions on issues of sex education including discussions of contraception, LGBTQ+ issues, STIs, abortion, and consent.
- In NC in recent years, they have also been at the front lines of decisions around banning books related to issues of sexuality, gender, and race.

How to Get Involved

Find Out Who is Running in Your District and Vote

- Go to the North Carolina State Board of Elections website (<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>) and look up your voter registration.
- Look under "School" to verify the school district you live in. If nothing pops up, you live in an area where elections are countywide.
- Search your district or county name and "School Board Elections 2024" to verify the candidates running and view their platforms.
- Don't be afraid to call, email, or reach out to these candidates with questions about their platforms. They are running to be your elected officials!

Attend Local School Board Meetings

- School board meetings are open to the public. Look up where/when your local school board meets and make your voice heard!



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