

 <p>SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>	<p>SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD BYLAWS</p> <p>SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS</p>	<p>Bylaw B50.00 Revised AUG 2005</p>
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Primary responsibility for determining the structure and organization of free public education is left to the individual states. The State of Washington through its electorate has recognized its obligation in the State Constitution:

It is the paramount duty of the State to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex.

Direction and regulatory control of the public school system is maintained by the State through action of the State legislature, The State Board of Education, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The State of Washington delegates to locally elected School Board members the direct control and operation of a district's program.

The School Board members serve as the elected representatives of the community. The Seattle School Board's primary function is to establish a policy and to fix responsibility for the execution or implementation of policy.

The purpose of this policy is to state the basic function of the Seattle School Board and further to indicate the structural relationship which exists between the Board and state agencies. Board action is concerned generally with planning, policy making, and appraisal. The Board must endeavor to translate the desires and needs of the community into a balanced and workable program of public education. To achieve this end, the Board must establish effective communication with parents and other responsible and representative members of the community.

Reference: Educational Assumptions Committee Report Responsibility for Public Education, Adopted as Policy by the Seattle School Board November 22, 1961, "Seattle Schools," Special Education, December 11, 1961, pS-1.

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