

SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The Constitution of the State places the responsibility of establishing and maintaining public schools on the state legislature, which provides for a State Board of Education charged with general supervision of the public schools. The law further provides that local public schools shall be maintained, developed, and operated by locally elected school committees or boards of education. The School Board of Raymond is a department of the town government, and it derives its legal authority from the State Constitution, state statutes, and the regulations of the State Board of Education.

However, by custom and tradition, local school committees and boards have responsibilities to the local citizenry they serve and which elects them. Recognizing this twofold concept of authority and responsibility, the School Board conceives of itself as a policymaking body for the school system, serving within the framework provided by law and the will of the local citizenry.

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