

**SCHOOL BOARD**

**ROLE IN EDUCATION**

- Select the superintendent
- Allocate annual funding in the budget and prioritize capital needs
- Assign students to schools
- Policy making delegated by the State
- Advocate for students

**WAYS TO INFLUENCE**

- Elect officials who support public schools
- Lobby school board to support specific policies and practices, speak publicly at school board meetings, communicate with school board members, attend meetings.
- Publicly support school board decisions that you agree with.

**CITY**

**ROLE IN EDUCATION**

- Housing policy
- Neighborhood health and stability
- Public safety
- No direct funding obligations to schools

**WAYS TO INFLUENCE**

- Elect officials who support public schools, advocate for collaboration with County and school districts
- Advocate for healthy neighborhoods
- School Resource Officers

**COUNTY**

**ROLE IN EDUCATION**

- Public health (mental, emotional, physical)
- Student preparedness for Pre-K
- Allocate annual funding in the budget (22% I-SS, 17% MGSD)\*
- Capital funding (school bonds for building improvements and new schools)
- Determine teacher supplement pay

**WAYS TO INFLUENCE**

- Elect officials who support public schools
- Lobby County Commissioners to support specific policies and practices, speak publicly at County Commission meetings, communicate with commissioners and attend meetings
- Publicly support County Commission decisions that you agree with

**STATE**

**ROLE IN EDUCATION**

*GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

- Education policy statewide
- Teacher pay and benefits
- Allocate annual funding in the budget (69% I-SS, 57% MGSD)\*
- Curriculum
- Accountability standards
- Assessment/testing requirements

*STATE BOARD/DPI*

- Implement GA Statutes

*GOVERNOR*

- Leads by setting the vision

**WAYS TO INFLUENCE**

- Elect officials who support public schools
- Lobby elected officials to support specific policies and practices, communicate with officials, and attend meetings
- Publicly support decisions that you agree with

**FED**

**ROLE IN EDUCATION**

- Federal funding of budget (6% I-SS, 4% MGSD)\*

**WAYS TO INFLUENCE**

- Elect officials who support public schools

\* Budget figures are provided by I-SS and MGSD. The difference in percentage is due to the number of students served and the size of the total budget. These figures will not total 100% due to grants and other funding sources.