

# YOU RUN YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

A guide for creating change in your local school board.



## Why School Boards Matter

Every school district has a local school board that sets district policies and works with the superintendent. School board trustees have power over all the issues you care about!

Your local board works *for you*. That means students and community members have power to make change on everything from the curriculum to funding and more.



## How Your Local School Board Affects...

### Funding



While 92% of all Texas public education funding is determined at the state level, your district school board must propose a new budget every summer based on this funding. They hold hearings during this process, where you can speak up for the resources you need!

### Curriculum and Libraries



Local school boards set policies and district goals. School board members can force your teachers and librarians to ban books and censor your curriculum – or they can work with students, families, and teachers to craft policies to ensure that all students feel welcomed and supported in their classrooms.

### Mental Health



School board trustees can seriously respond to students' mental health needs by hiring counselors and implementing mental health programs. But some trustees have recently attacked LGBTQIA+ students and stripped lifesaving resources from students.

## How You Can Create Change

There are so many ways to reach your school board representatives. You can email them, speak at a hearing, deliver a petition, and vote in the upcoming May election!

For more information on how to vote and take action, scan the QR code.



### Important Dates

★ In-person early voting:  
April 22 to April 30

★ Election Day: May 4

