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Identifying Elected Officials: Local Level



The **Board of Education** oversees the education, facilities, personnel, and finances of the school district.

Who are the members of the Board of Education?	
Who serves in leadership positions? What are their roles?	

The **Mayor** is responsible for the city's day-to-day administration, working with the legislative body to enact laws and handling local emergencies.

Who is the mayor?	
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Municipal legislative bodies are usually responsible for approving the annual budget, ordinances and resolutions, contracts, and appointments to boards and commissions. City and town councils, township committees are common forms of local government.

What kind of legislative body exists in your municipality?	
Who are its elected members?	

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Observe the makeup of the various units of local government.

What is the gender breakdown of the local government?	
What is the partisan breakdown?	
What careers or experiences are represented?	

Do you believe these officials represent your community and its interests? Why or why not? Your community can include but is not limited to: your neighborhood, school, age group, ethnic group, religion, or career.