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SUBJECT: BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGAL STATUS

The Constitution of the State of New York places the responsibility for public education on the State Legislature, and directs the establishment of a State Department of Education for general supervision over the schools, and headed by a Commissioner of Education. The New York State Constitution further provides that local public schools under the general supervision of the State Education department shall be maintained, developed, and operated by locally elected boards. Legally, then, local boards are instruments of the New York State Constitution, the New York Statutes, and the regulations of the State Education Department and its Commissioner.

However, by custom and tradition, local school boards have responsibilities to the local citizenry they serve, and by ethics, to the personnel whom they employ. Recognizing this three-dimensional concept of source of authority and responsibility, the Board of Education of Jasper-Troupsburg Central School District is the policy-making body for the Jasper-Troupsburg Schools, and serves within the framework provided by law, the will of the local citizenry, and the ethics of the personnel employed by the Board of Education.

The wisdom and foresight of the members of the Board of Education and the effectiveness and efficiency with which the Board of Education as a corporate body discharges its duties and obligations will determine to a large extent the educational level of the citizens of the Jasper and Troupsburg communities.

New York State Constitution
Education Law Section 1701, 1804, 1805