

## **B-17 BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONSHIP**

School Board members are the elected or appointed trustees of public education. In our democratic society, they are the governors of the public schools. They are answerable within provisions of the law only to the people for their stewardship of local public education.

School administrators are the trained professionals who become the bridge between the public's trustees of public education and the staff of the schools. They must translate into action the people's desires and needs for public education as mandated by law and expressed by the School Board. Theirs is a complex and sensitive leadership position that cannot be fulfilled unless they have the confidence of the School Board and the respect of their staff--even if it is grudgingly given at times.

The close working relationship and loyalty which the administrators owe their School Boards clearly sets them apart from the teachers and to a degree from other members of the administrative team. Although the working relationship between school administrators and their boards must be close and sometimes confidential, it is critically important for the cause of their common goals that both parties respect their proper roles and retain their identity on the management team.

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