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NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS: APPOINTED VS. ELECTED

TYPE I APPOINTED SCHOOL BOARD

In Type I districts, the Mayor of the city in which the district is located appoints school board members and the governing body of the municipality issues school bonds for school district capital projects.

N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-20 and 18A:24-11

TYPE II ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD

In Type II districts, the City's voters elect school board members and the district Board of Education issues school bonds for school district capital projects.

N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3, 16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-12

New Jersey law requires that an election occur in which the voters of the district decide whether it will be governed by a Type I or Type II school board within one year of meeting the performance criteria for Governance. **Voters will be asked to determine the type of school board to govern Newark Public Schools in a public referendum on November 6, 2018.**

Consistent with New Jersey law, in both Type I and Type II districts the members of the Newark Board of Education at the time of the election shall remain and continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms and the qualification in office of their successors.¹ If voters approve a Type I district (appointed) at the election, the District will notify the City of Newark of the requirement to establish a Board of School Estimate and appoint members to said Board.

1: N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-53

2: Transition Plan for the Return of Local Control to Newark Public Schools, December 19, 2017 (p. 11)

FACT SHEET

