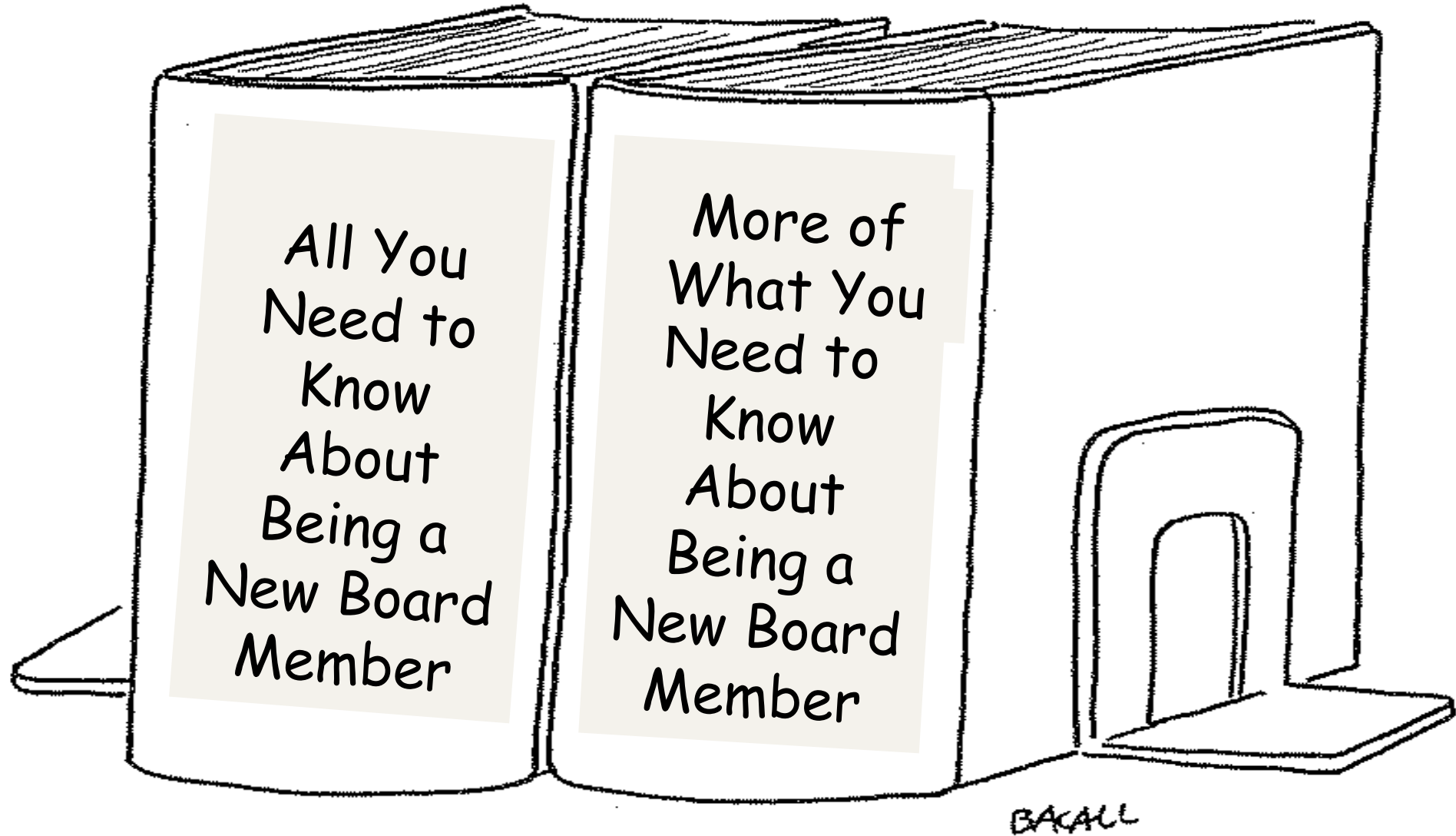


How to Navigate Running for School Board

Understanding the
Board Member's Role

December 5, 2024





Overview

- The Big Picture
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IASB Mission Statement

The mission of the Illinois Association of School Boards is to Light the Way for its members by developing their competence and confidence through a robust toolkit designed to build excellence in local school board governance, including

- Premier training experiences;
- Networking opportunities for mutual support;
- Valuable benefits, pooled services, information, and expertise;
- Advocacy on behalf of public education; and
- A platform for a strong collective voice on common interests and concerns.

Districts in Illinois

Elementary	368
High School	97
Unit Districts	386
Department of Juvenile Justice	1
Total	852

3,835 Schools



District Size – Student Enrollment

2023-2024

Smallest	26	(Ohio CHSD 505)
Largest	33,948	(Elgin U-46)
Chicago	321,668	(Chicago Public Schools District 299)

Illinois Public School Enrollment

2023-2024

Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12

1,851,290 students

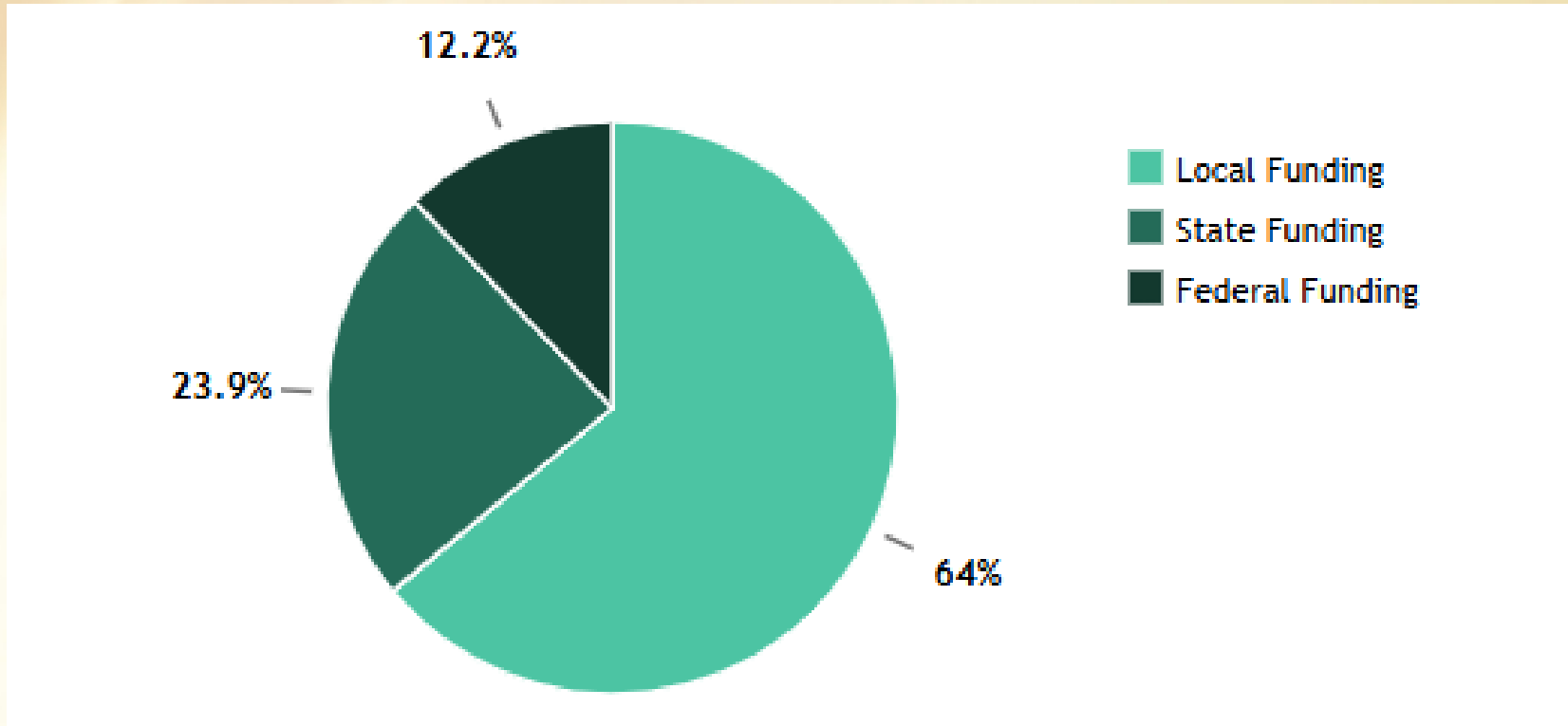
(approx. 91% of all Illinois school students)

Ethnicity/Race

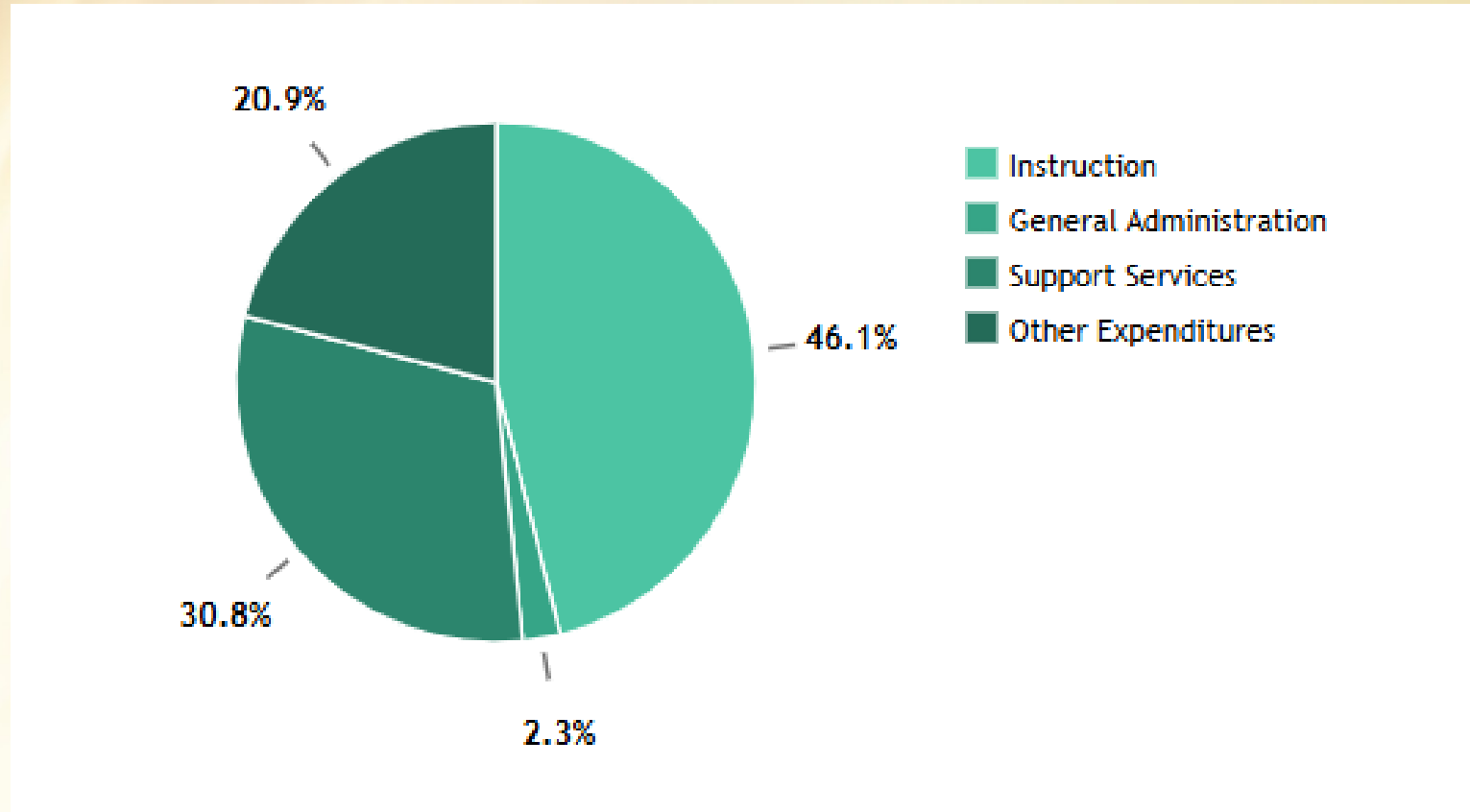
Demographic	2024
Am. Indian	0.2
Asian	5.6
Black	16.5
Hispanic	28.1
MENA	0
Pacific Islander	0.1
Two or More	4.2
White	45.3

Source: Illinois Report Card 2023-2024

Illinois School District Averages Revenue Percentages



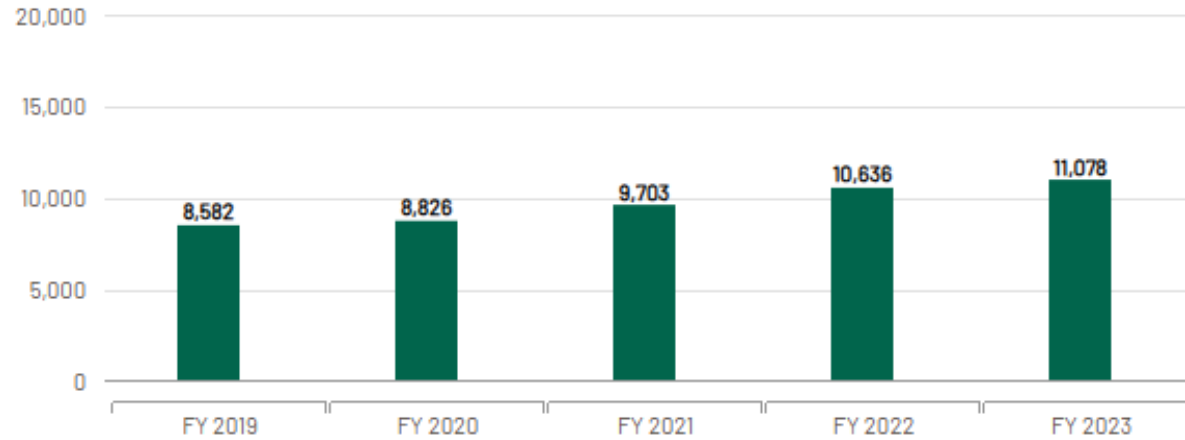
Illinois School District Averages Expenditure Percentages by Function



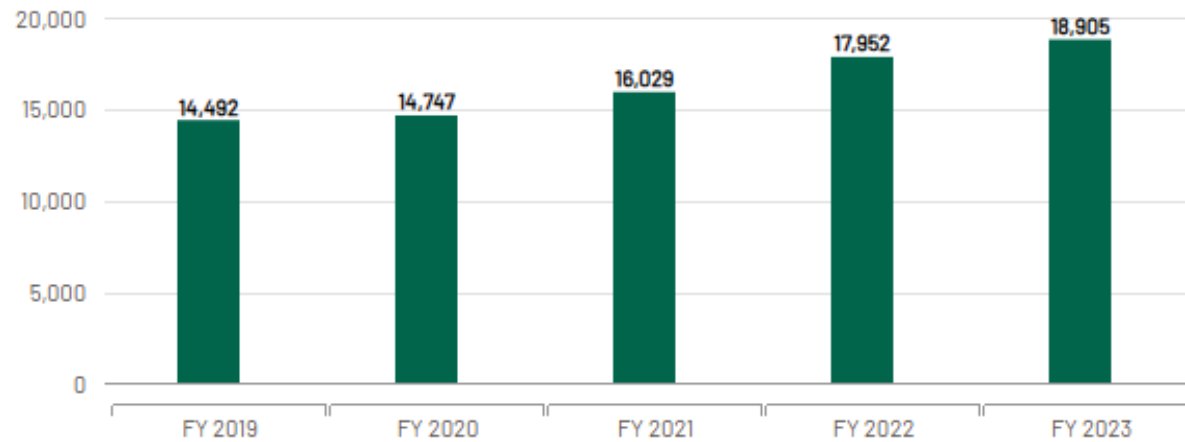
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Operating Expense/Pupil

Instructional Spending (\$)



Operational Spending (\$)



Operating Expenditure/Pupil (FY2021)

District Type	Median Expenditure	Expenditure Range
Elementary	\$14,119	\$6,503 - \$38,918
High School	\$16,922	\$10,537 - \$39,033
Unit	\$12,287	\$8,474 - \$26,975

Education in the U.S: A Large, Complex System

- 49.6 million public school students
- 5.5 million private school students
- 3.2 million public school teachers
- .5 million private school teachers
- 97,568 public schools
- 13,452 public school districts

**Over
90,000
board
members**

Board Demographics

Newly elected in 2023	1,125 (19%)
Board members between the age of 18 - 29	0.6%
Board members between the age of 30 - 39	6.38%
Board members between the age of 40 – 59	56.32%
Board members over the age of 60	35.74%

Foundational Principles of Effective Governance

The Board

- Clarifies District Purpose
- Connects with the Community
- Employs the Superintendent
- Delegates Authority
- Monitors Performance
- Takes Responsibility for Itself

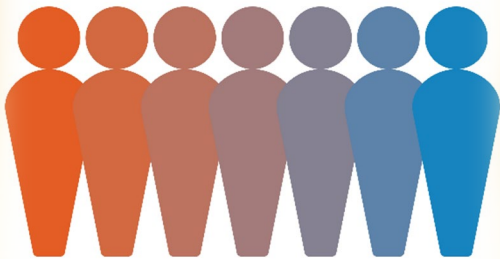
Board Work = ENDS

- Governs the school district
- Who? What? How much?
- Decide by voting at a convened meeting
- Identify expectations and intended results

Superintendent Work = MEANS

- Manages the school district
- How? When? Where? By whom?
- Recommend and Implement
- Lead staff to improved performance & board policy compliance

You are one of seven members of the governing team.



- Whole board governs as equals, not one individual board member.
- Listen to each other, contributions of each member is important.
- Accept responsibility for group decisions and board behavior.
- Behavior and attitude of board members affects the reputation of the board and the entire school system.

New Board Members



Chart Your Course: New Board Member Training Bundle

This **online training bundle** sets you on the road to success and includes three courses.

- *Open Meetings Act (OMA) Training*
- *Professional Development Leadership Training (PDLT) and Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) Training for School Board Members*
- *The Basics of Governance*

Mandatory Training

Open Meetings Act Training

- Must complete no later than **90 days** after taking the oath of office
- Focuses on the law as it pertains to school board meetings and members.

Mandatory Training

Professional Development Leadership Training (PDLT) and Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) training

Must complete the training within the **first year** of the board member's term

4 hours of training including:

- Education and labor law
- Financial oversight and accountability
- Fiduciary responsibilities
- Trauma-informed practices
- PERA training-for board members who will participate in a vote on a dismissal based upon the Optional Alternative Evaluation Dismissal Process

Board Member Training

The Basics of Governance

Get up to speed with this essential course on board and board member roles and responsibilities in creating an **effective governance team**.

Board Member Training

New in 2025

Improving Student Outcomes

How School Boards Work



The Role of the Board of Education
in the Community

