

LWVSC Study: School District Structure and Authority

Interview Questions

School district:

Person interviewed:

Interviewer:

1. Do you think there should be any changes in your school board—the number of members, or election at large or by single member districts? What kind of change would you like? Why?
2. Who should have the authority to make changes in the school board—the voters of the district, the county board of education if there is one, the county council, or the legislative delegation and the General Assembly?
3. Do you think your county should have more than one school district if it has only one, or fewer school districts if it has more than one? Why?
4. Who should have the authority to make changes in school districts by consolidation or redistricting—the voters of the district, the county board of education if there is one, the county council, or the legislative delegation and the General Assembly?
5. Do you think it is important to have a county board of education or other coordinating entity in a multi-district county? In what ways is might it be useful or not useful?
6. Do you think that you school district should have more, less, or about the same fiscal autonomy in terms of setting its mill rate and approving its budget?
7. Who should have the authority to make changes in the amount of fiscal autonomy that a school district has—the voters of the district, the county board of education if there is one, the county council, or the legislative delegation and the General Assembly?