



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Your League's Task in 2009-2010:

1. Answer the informational questions for the school districts in your service area. How big is the school board, at-large/single member district mix, terms, fiscal authority, role of legislative delegation, sharing across districts in multi-district counties, etc. See attached questionnaire. Fill one out for each district in your service area.
2. Solicit opinions from people who are involved—elected and appointed school officials, legislators, parents, League members, Chamber of Commerce—to determine if there is any desire to change. Use this solicitation as an opportunity to educate people on how things are right now without trying to steer them in a particular direction.

Share your findings with your members in an informational meeting and with the statewide committee on the school district study by February 15, 2010, so that we can begin to formulate consensus questions.

School District Survey:

League _____ School District _____
County _____ Person Reporting _____

Please fill out a separate form for each school district in your service area and send to :
Holley Ulbrich, Chair, School Governance Study, 106 Highland Drive, Clemson SC 29631
(or holleyu@nctv.com) no later than February 15, 2010.

1. Size of school board _____
Number from single member districts _____ Number at Large _____
Partisan or nonpartisan elections _____ Members elected or appointed _____
Comments from local leaders and League members on size, composition or method of selection:

2. Number of districts in county _____ Number of students in this district _____
If this is a multi-district county, is there any coordination or tax sharing among districts?

If this is a single district county, are there any entities that break the county schools down into smaller units for administrative purposes? What do those entities do?

Is there any interest in consolidating or splitting/dividing districts into smaller districts, or redrawing of district lines? If yes, what is the reason given?

Comments from local leaders and League members on the process or motivation for consolidation, splitting of districts, or redrawing of district lines:

3. Fiscal autonomy

What authority does the district have over its budget and mill rate? Does either have to be submitted to someone else for approval?

Comments from local Leaders and League members on fiscal autonomy:

4. Role of legislative delegation

Comments from local leaders and League members on the role of the legislative delegation in fiscal matters, changing the structure and composition of the school board, and changing the structure of districts within the county:

Other comments:

Person filling out report and contact information: