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## **EDUCATION AS A STATE FUNCTION**

The New York State Constitution states that "The Legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of this state may be educated." The State has, through legislation, permitted for the development of provisions for education locally.

Thus, in its relationship to the local school system, the Board of Education represents not only the people of the school district but the entire State of New York.

Legal Reference: New York State Constitution, Article XI, Section 1