

**BOARD POLICY**

**Descriptive Code: AA**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL STATUS**

**Date: August 10, 1999**

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The Columbia County School System derives its legal status from the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1982 which provides that county school systems are self-governing political subdivisions with authority to establish and maintain public schools within their limits.

Local control is the fundamental concept behind Georgia school boards. They are self-governing political subdivisions of the state. By keeping the governance of public institutions closer to the people, the public schools can reflect local needs and desires and use local opportunities for innovation, experimentation and governmental competition.

**PROCEDURE: NO**

**ADOPTED: 1/8/85**

**REVISED: 4/11/89, 10/1/97**

**Columbia County Board of Education**