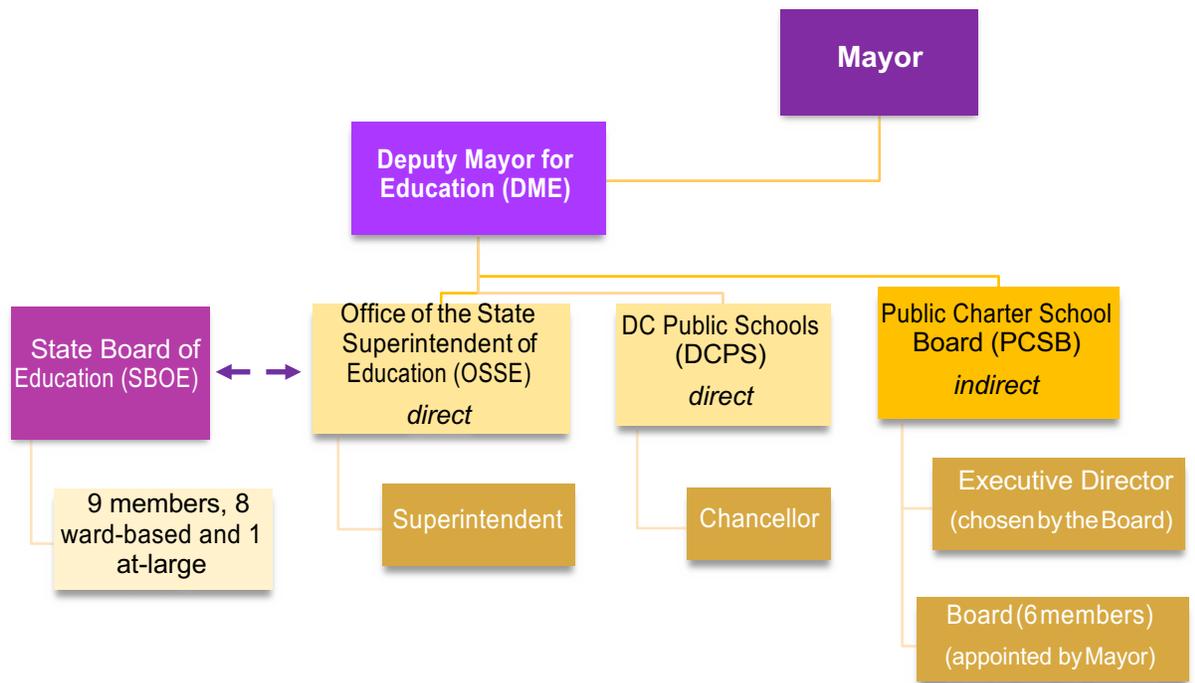


Who Leads the Public Schools in DC?

In DC, our education system is very unique relative to the rest of the nation. Because we do not have an elected school board, **our public schools are under mayoral control, meaning the Mayor's office sets the vision for education in our city.** To lead this work, **the Mayor appoints a Deputy Mayor of Education (DME) to oversee all of our public schools.**



OSSE, led by the Superintendent, is directly managed by the DME and provides oversight on policies and programs in our public schools. **The State Board of Education is an elected board** that advises and approves specific policies set by OSSE.

DCPS is led by the Chancellor who reports directly to the DME. PCSB, led by the Executive Director and six-member Board, does not directly report to the DME, however they do work together on many education issues. Each Local Education Agency (LEA) leader (for DCPS, the Chancellor, for individual charter networks, the Executive Director or CEO) sets their own educational priorities and determines how their LEA will spend their funding.

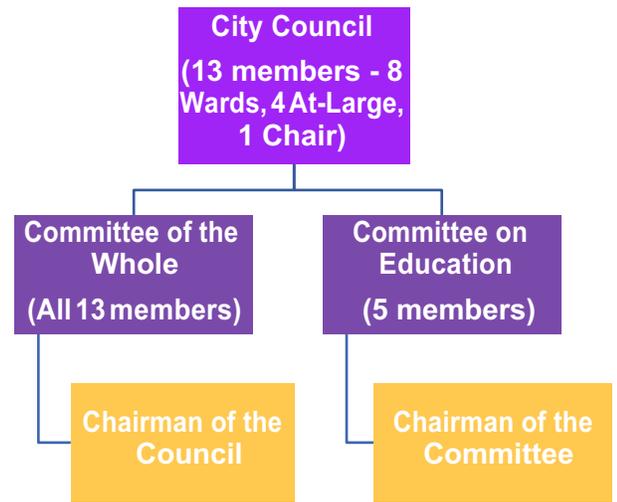
What Are the Roles of Each of the Education Agencies?

- **DME:** Advises the Mayor on education policy, implements the Mayor's vision for education, also manages DC Public Library, Department of Parks and Recreation, UDC, & Office of Out of School Time
- **DCPS:** Traditional public schools
- **PCSB:** Charter school authorizer – authorizes and closes public charter schools – but DOES NOT manage schools
- **OSSE:** Administers federal grants to schools (DCPS and charter) and keeps all schools (DCPS and charter) in compliance with federal laws and programs (i.e. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), National School Lunch Program)
- **SBOE:** Approves policies on academic standards, graduation requirements, standards for teacher quality, accreditation and certification, and our state Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plans



What Role Does the City Council Play?

DC City Council is responsible for **passing laws and providing oversight over the District's many agencies, including our education agencies.** The Council is made up of thirteen members, eight ward-based, four at-large representatives, and one Council Chair. **Within the City Council is the Education Committee**, which has five members, and one Committee Chair. Below is how the City Council and the Education Committee work with the Mayor to pass the budget and any education legislation:



Committee on Education:

- **Reviews the initial budget** proposed by the Mayor that includes education agencies and priorities
- Provides **oversight of city agencies and spending in education**
- Can **propose legislation** from the committee on education policy
 - *Note: any Councilmember can propose education legislation outside of the committee*
- Chairman of the Committee on Education conducts oversight hearings on education agencies and chooses what education bills will get a public hearing

Committee on the Whole:

- Final vote for **all** legislation and budgets
- Includes ALL councilmembers – run by Chairman of the Council
- Chairman of the Council chooses the Chairman of each committee

How Can Parents Help Shape the Future of Education in DC?

Parents know first-hand what the most urgent needs are in our schools. With parent voice driving the vision of our education system, we can help make sure every child in every ward and community can learn and grow to their full potential.



To get involved:

- Call on the Mayor to ensure extensive community engagement as we search for new education leaders
- Testify at public hearings to share how you think our education agencies are working
- Contact organizers@dcpave.org for more information

Learn More:

- ✓ Read more about how school district leaders influence on student learning: <https://bit.ly/2wdTteC>
- ✓ See The Education Trust's presentation on practices and priorities of successful school districts and their leaders: <https://bit.ly/2rmaCNs>