

menting new state and federal laws, and promoting innovation in order to address the needs of students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The department director is appointed by the Governor to serve a four-year term, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The director's role is to provide leadership for the department as it carries out the policies and programs prescribed by law and the State Board of Education and to ensure department personnel are providing the necessary oversight and support for all schools, educators, and students to meet their academic goals. The director also serves as the executive officer of the board, a nonvoting role.

The board consists of 10 members — nine voting members who are appointed by the Governor for six-year terms and subject to Senate confirmation, and one nonvoting student member who serves a one-year term, also appointed by the Governor. Duties of the board include adopting and establishing policies assuring quality education for students in preschool, elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges; prescribing and approving teacher preparation programs to assure all teachers are highly qualified; and hearing appeals of local school board decisions and affirming, modifying, or vacating those decisions.

#### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Frank Scaglione.....Clive.....April 30, 2010

The Department of Education was created by the General Assembly in 1913 and was originally called the Department of Public Instruction. The current name was adopted in 1986. In its early years, the department was charged with working with the many small, isolated school buildings to build a formal system of public education that included organized districts with defined duties and boundaries, as well as specific qualifications for teachers. While the state department was established to provide oversight, local schools maintained the authority to set many of the rules and requirements for their own students. This system of "local responsibility" — based on the belief that local residents have the greatest interest in assuring their children's success — continues today.

As the state progressed over the decades with greater diversity in business, industry, and population, the public education system evolved to reflect and encompass those changes. In the mid-1960s, a system of 15 public, two-year community colleges was established to provide more students the opportunity for continued education and training beyond high school. In the mid-1970s, the system of area education agencies (AEAs) was developed to provide regional support for local schools and their teachers. Originally, the AEAs and community colleges shared the same service area boundaries. In recent years, however, several AEAs have merged to provide greater efficiency in regions with declining population.

The Department of Education employs approximately 225 people in the Office of the Director and three divisions: Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation; PK-12 Education; and School Support and Information Services. Approximately 420 staff are employed in the Division