

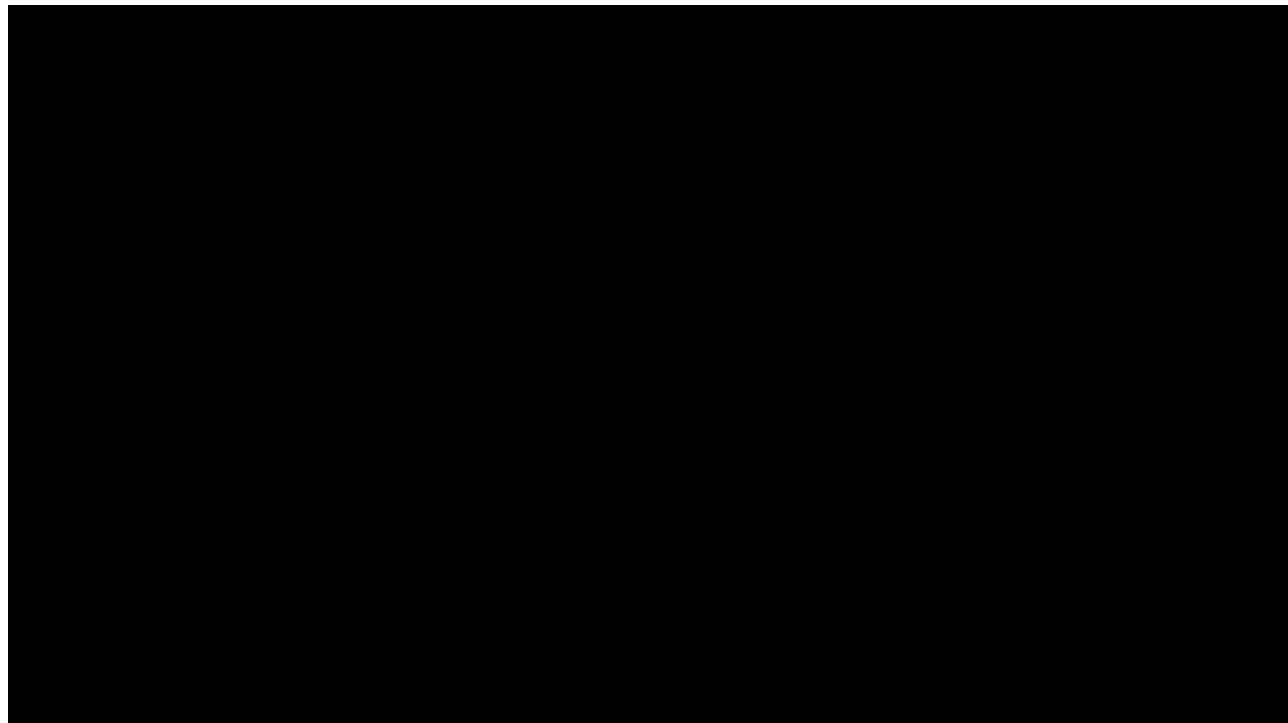


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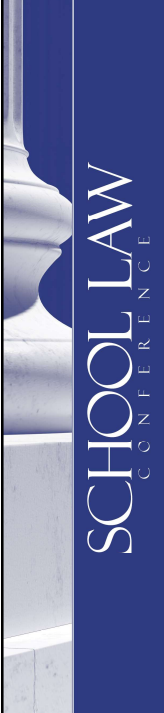
# Dissolving school boards now a reality

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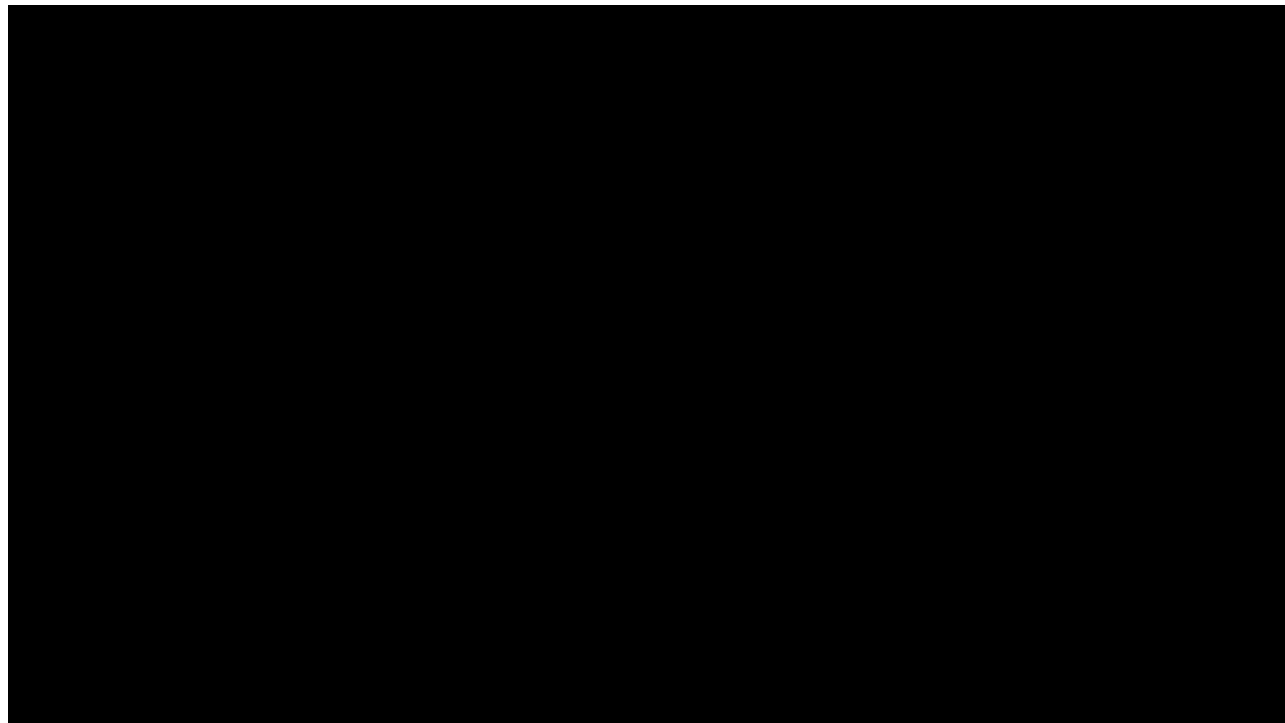
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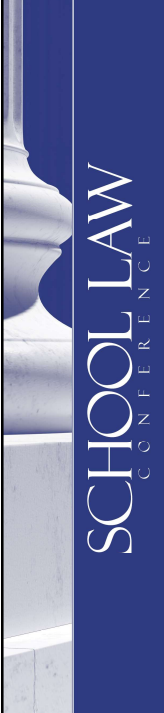
## Senate bill 201, Act 44

- Signs of increased state control for past several years
- Locally elected school boards may be dissolved
- Voter disenfranchisement
- Once part of comprehensive bill that failed to pass

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## State accountability changes

- Signed into law May 17, 2021, effective July 1, 2022
- Directs a tiered system of assistance developed by SCDE
- Revises criteria triggering state assistance and/or intervention for schools, districts
- Revises criteria for the state take over management of schools, districts
- New provision establishes process for dissolving school boards in certain districts

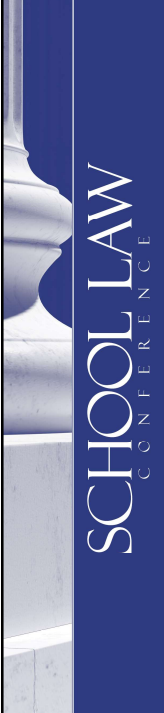
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## School level accountability

- ‘Underperforming’ rated unsatisfactory or below average
- Placed into tiered assistance system, turnaround plan
- ‘Chronically underperforming’ rated unsatisfactory or below average for three consecutive years
- Takeover criteria: chronically underperforming, accreditation denied, insufficient turnaround results
- State board approval, notification requirements, appeal process
- NEW – seek SBE approval every 3 years or reverts back to district control


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## District level accountability

- ‘Underperforming’ 65% or more schools rated unsatisfactory or below average
- Placed into tiered assistance system, turnaround plan
- Takeover criteria:
  - unperforming for 3 consecutive years
  - accreditation denied
  - insufficient turnaround results
  - fiscal emergency status OR fiscal mismanagement resulting in deficit
- State board approval, notification requirements, appeal process
- Local school board is dissolved

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## District under state management

- State management can mean as much as 8 to 10 years or more
- Local fiscal authority transferred to county council
- Must have 3 consecutive, sustained years of improvement
- Appointed 5-member interim board serve a minimum of 3 years
- Transition plan, process for returning district to local control

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