

Representation of School Boards and Administrators in Challenging Times

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School boards become battlegrounds for nation's divisions on race, gender and more

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- Divisions or splits within school boards are not new
- Reasons for divisions include:
 - Ideological differences
 - Interpersonal strife
 - Local political issues
- The infusion of national partisan political issues into local school boards is increasingly contributing to divisiveness

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- Research conducted by Ballotpedia found that school board elections have drawn increased attention from the media
- In the last three years, Ballotpedia identified 2,080 school board elections where candidates took a stance on at least one of the following issues:
 - Race in Education/Critical Race Theory
 - Responses to the coronavirus
 - Sex and gender in schools

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