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RE: Board of Education Terms

You recently contacted our office regarding a Board of Education Policy which purports to establish a three year term for Board of Education members. You indicated the Board currently serves a five year term. You questioned whether the current term which was previously approved by the voters was five years or whether the Board served in accordance to the policy. Education Law § 2105 (3) allows the voters of the District to establish or change the terms of office for Board of Education members. This may only occur by voter proposition. A policy, even passed by resolution of the Board, does not trump the will of the voters in passing a term length proposition.

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