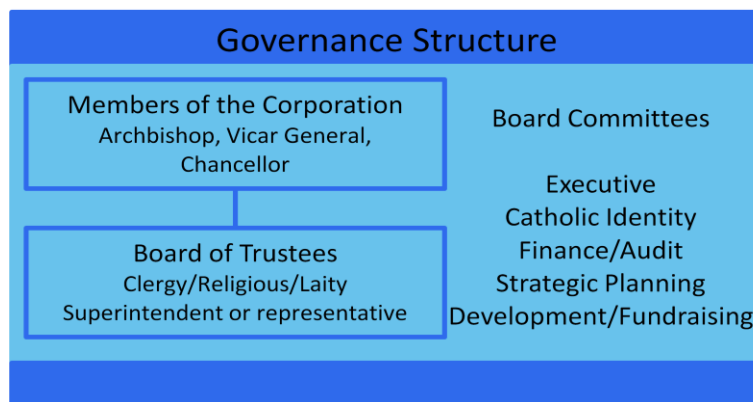




How Are the Regions Governed?

Each Catholic School Region is a separate not-for-profit educational corporation chartered by the New York State Education Department. The Region is governed by a two-tiered membership corporation with the Archbishop, Vicar General, and Chancellor at the top tier, or Member level. Certain actions of the Region require approval by the Members (e.g., the Members must approve any Bylaw amendments and changes).



The next tier of the Catholic School Region is the Board of Trustees. Given the importance of Catholic education to the community and to the Church, the laity along with the clergy and religious was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees in each Region. The central responsibility of each Board is to ensure our schools are Catholic, resourced, competitive and sustainable. The Office of the Superintendent of Schools supports and encourages the boards in their strategic planning, fund raising, and Catholic Identity initiatives.

What is the Composition and Structure of the Board of Trustees?

The Boards are comprised of between 10-20 Trustees. The Regional Superintendent of Schools serves on the Board as an *ex officio* board member. Clergy, religious, and laity serve on the Board.

The Officers of the Catholic School Region Corporation include the Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Corporate Secretary. Committees of the Board are formed from Board and non-Board members, who bring specific skills/experiences. The Executive Committee of the Board has all the authority of the Board to act on behalf of the Board between Board meetings. Other standing committees focus on specific areas of school functions.

A Regional Office, through the Office of the Superintendent and Global Regional School System Financial Operations, provides services to the schools within the Region. The Regional Superintendent oversees all aspects of the regional schools, especially the educational and administrative responsibilities, while the Finance Manager/Corporate Secretary works with the Regional Office to ensure the effective day-to-day business operations of the Region.