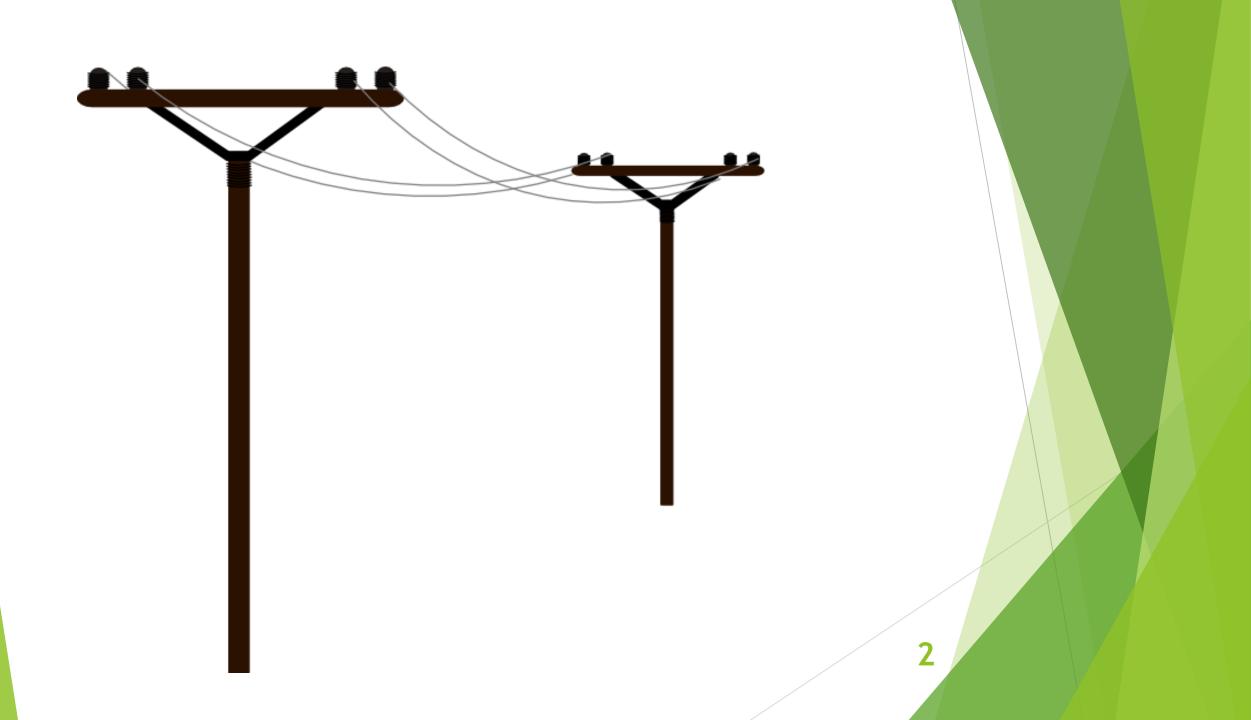
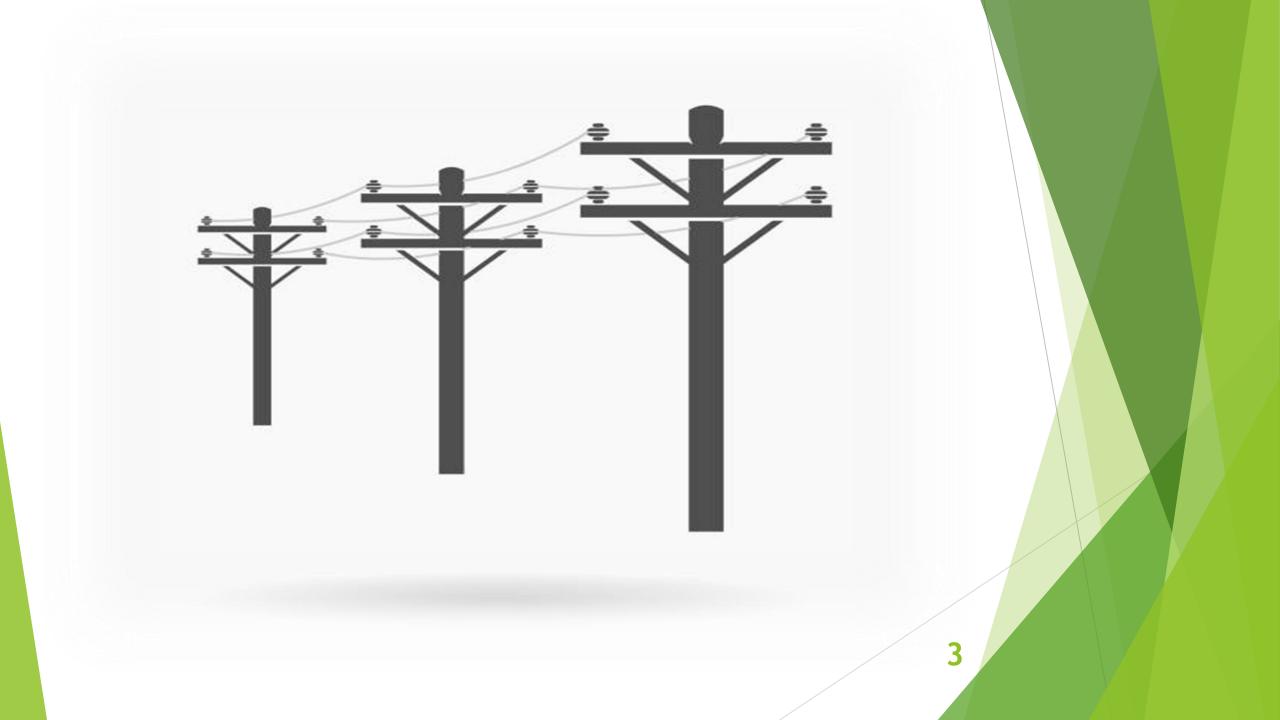
**Collaboration Between** the Chief School Financial Officer (CSFO) and the School Bookkeeper

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# Lines of Authority

- Education is a State function executed through local boards.
- Superintendent, Board, CSFO and Principals all have statutory roles in handling funds.
- Bookkeepers and department heads do not.

## Lines of Authority

For local administrators, authority (and responsibility) related to finance is by statue or delegation from Superintendent and Board.

#### ► How?

- Board policies
- Local school finance manual
- Directives
- Day-to-day interaction

### Procedure

Both can be

considered

guidelines

Company's official stance on how an issue is to be handled

Policy

Made up of rules

More focus on what you should not do

Scope is usually company-wide

Not necessarily an official stance; more of a best practice

Made up of steps

More focus on what you should do

Scope can be limited to a specific task or activity

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### Fiduciary Responsibility of the Principal

- Ultimately it is the Principal's responsibility to ensure that funds are collected and disbursed in accordance with local board policies.
  - Task delegated to LS Bookkeeper
- The Principal should be familiar with the Financial Procedures for the School District to have a basic understanding of the accounting regulations for schools.

