

NOVEMBER SCHOOL ELECTION NOMINATING PETITION

*Some County Clerks have their own nominating petitions.
Please contact your County Clerk for details.*

TO: _____, County Clerk of the _____ County
name of county clerk name of county

A. NOMINATING STATEMENT:

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of _____ School District of _____ (Municipality) in _____ County, New Jersey.

We hereby endorse (Name of Candidate) _____, whose address is (Street and Number, Post Office) _____, as a candidate for membership on the Board of Education representing (Name of Municipality) _____, for the (Full or Unexpired) _____ term of (Number of Years) _____ years, and we hereby request that the name of said candidate be printed on the official ballot to be used at the ensuing election for the Board of Education to be held during the General Election on November _____, 20____.

B. SIGNATORIES:

(At least ten signatures, one of which may be the candidate's, are required to nominate a candidate.) We, the undersigned petitioners, hereby certify that the said (Name of Candidate) _____ is legally qualified under the laws of the State to be elected a member of the _____ Board of Education.

| | <i>PRINTED NAME</i> | <i>ADDRESS</i> | <i>SIGNATURE</i> |
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C. AFFIDAVIT

_____, circulator of this nominating petition, being duly sworn or affirmed according to *(Print name of the petitioner swearing/affirming)* the law on oath, deposes and says: The above petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own handwriting the signers are, to my best knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the school district election for which the candidate is nominated, and that the petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the candidate and placing the candidate's name on the official ballot in order to secure election as a member of the Board of Education. The circulator further affirms that he/she is eligible to vote in the state of New Jersey, and meets the age, citizenship and in-residency requirements as required by New Jersey law.

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20____

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE OF SAME PETITIONER LISTED ON THE LINE ABOVE IN THIS SECTION.

IMPORTANT NOTE: NOMINATING PETITION CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

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D. NOTICE

All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act," *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.* For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission, (609) 292-8700.

E. CANDIDATE'S ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, _____, the candidate for membership on the Board of Education named in the foregoing petition, do hereby certify that I am qualified to be a member of the _____ Board of Education; that I consent to stand as a candidate for election and, if elected, agree to accept and qualify into that office. I further affirm and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:4-1*.

I further do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God*.

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

NOTARY'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED OR TYPEWRITTEN NAME OF CANDIDATE

* No individual is required to swear that part of an oath which states "So help me God" and may instead state "I do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm."

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates filing a nominating petition for board membership must meet the following qualifications:

- He/She is a citizen of the United States of America.
- He/She must be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age to qualify for office.
- He/She must be able to read and write.
- He/She has been a resident of the municipality from which he/she is to be elected for at least one year preceding the date of the election.
- He/She is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:4-1*.
- He/She is not disqualified from membership for the conviction of crimes pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1**
- He/She is a registered voter in the district.

No board of education member shall be directly or indirectly involved in any contract with, or claim against, the board.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Within 30 days of election or appointment to the board, a member must undergo a **criminal history background investigation** through the New Jersey Department of Education.
- The School Ethics Act and nepotism legislation impact the ability of board members who have relationships with school district employees to act in areas such as personnel and collective negotiations. Please consult your board secretary for details.

(Note: County Clerks are encouraged to fill out this section prior to distribution to school board candidates.)

Completed nominating petitions shall be filed with the county clerk on or before 4:00 p.m. on July 27, 2015. The county clerk office is located at

_____ (County Clerk address) and the days, dates and business hours during which the office is open to receive petitions are:

Received by: _____

COUNTY CLERK/DESIGNEE

At: _____

TIME

DATE

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