

NOMINATING PETITION FOR NOVEMBER SCHOOL ELECTION
MUST BE FILED WITH THE BERGEN COUNTY CLERK'S ELECTIONS DIVISION
One Bergen County Plaza, Room 130, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
no later than 4:00 PM on the last Monday in July

QUALIFICATIONS

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

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

NO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER SHALL BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ANY CONTRACT WITH, OR CLAIM AGAINST, THE BOARD.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This information sheet is not meant to encompass all of the statutory and constitutional requirements for filing petitions but is to be used only as a guide. If you have any additional questions, you should seek legal counsel.

- Within thirty (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 relatives working in the school district to act in areas such as personnel and collective negotiations. Please consult your board secretary for details.
- Two (2) or more candidates for any given term of office may notify the Office of the Bergen County Clerk at least seven (7) days before the drawing date that they wish to have their names with their chosen designation, if any, bracketed together, so that their names and designation, if any, are selected as a group at the drawing and their names and designation are printed together on the ballot. The candidates shall determine among themselves the order in which their names are to appear within the bracket. N.J.S.A. 19:60-8(d).

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Candidates must CLEARLY type or write their full and correct name as they are registered to vote on the petition and will appear on the ballot as such.
- Clearly specify which office you are running for (*ie. Local/Regional, Full/Unexpired Term*)
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:13-4, candidates must provide a functioning e-mail address which will be made public. We will use this to contact you if your petition is challenged.
- At least ten (10) signatures, one (1) of which may be the candidate, are required to nominate any candidate.
- A candidate can sign his/her own petition and be the circulator.
- The Office of the Bergen County Clerk cannot notarize documents filed in our office.

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 - 44). For further information, please call State of New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission at 1(609) 292-8700.

COUNTY CLERK'S USE ONLY

of Signatures: _____

A. NOMINATING STATEMENT:

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

We hereby endorse the following Candidate(s) as a candidate(s) for membership on the Board of Education identified below and for the term of office identified below and we hereby request that the name(s) of said candidate(s) be printed on the official ballot to be used at the ensuing election for the Board of Education to be held on **November** ____, **20**__.

CHOOSE ONE BOE: LOCAL REGIONAL: _____

CHOOSE ONE TERM OF OFFICE: FULL TERM UNEXPIRED _____ YEAR TERM

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE(S) INFORMATION

(N.J.S.A. 19:60-5; N.J.S.A. 19:13-4)

1. _____
(Name must appear the same as registered to vote)

Street Address: _____

Municipality, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

2. _____
(Name must appear the same as registered to vote)

Street Address: _____

Municipality, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

3. _____
(Name must appear the same as registered to vote)

Street Address: _____

Municipality, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

B. DESIGNATION/SLOGAN (Optional)

(No more than 3 words that convey the principles which the candidate represents, but no designation may contain the name, or a derivative or any part thereof, used as a noun or an adjective, of any political party that is entitled to participate in a primary election.)

C. CANDIDATE’S CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (each candidate only needs to sign this page once)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

SS:

COUNTY OF BERGEN:

I, _____ (candidate no. 1), _____ (candidate no. 2), _____ (candidate no. 3), the undersigned, 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 do solemnly swear (or affirm) and declare I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:41, nor have I been convicted of a disqualifying crime pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. 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.

CANDIDATE NO. 1

(Print Name of Candidate No. 1)

Subscribed and sworn before me
this ___ day of _____, 20__

(Signature of Candidate No. 1)

Signature of notary, attorney or other officer authorized to take oaths in the State of New Jersey

Typed or printed name of notary, attorney or other officer authorized to take oaths in the State of New Jersey

CANDIDATE NO. 2

(Print Name of Candidate No. 2)

Subscribed and sworn before me
this ___ day of _____, 20__

(Signature of Candidate No. 2)

Signature of notary, attorney or other officer authorized to take oaths in the State of New Jersey

Typed or printed name of notary, attorney or other officer authorized to take oaths in the State of New Jersey

CANDIDATE NO. 3

(Print Name of Candidate No. 3)

Subscribed and sworn before me
this ___ day of _____, 20__

(Signature of Candidate No. 3)

Signature of notary, attorney or other officer authorized to take oaths in the State of New Jersey

Typed or printed name of notary, attorney or other officer authorized to take oaths in the State of New Jersey

D. AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION AND WITNESSES SIGNATURES

STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

SS:

COUNTY OF BERGEN:

I, _____, the undersigned circulator of this nominating petition, being duly sworn or affirmed according to the law on their oath, deposes and says: That the present petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own handwriting; that the said signers are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the school district election for which the candidate(s) are nominated and shall be voted for; and that the petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing each candidate named therein and placing the candidate's (s') name(s) on the official ballot in order to seek their 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 residency requirements as required by New Jersey law.

Signature of Circulator

Typed or Printed name of Circulator

Subscribed and sworn to before me the
_____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature of notary, attorney or other officer authorized to take oaths in the State of New Jersey

Typed or printed name of notary, attorney or other officer authorized to take oaths in the State of New Jersey

E. SIGNATORIES (At least ten (10) signatures, one (1) of which may be the candidate's, are required to nominate a candidate.)

We, the undersigned petitioners, do hereby certify that the candidate(s) identified in Section A (Nominating Statement) of this petition are legally qualified under the laws of the State of New Jersey to be elected a **Member of the** _____
Board of Education.

1) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

2) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

3) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

4) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

5) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

6) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

7) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

Candidate(s): _____

Board of Education/Municipality: _____

8) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

9) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

10) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

11) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

12) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

13) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

14) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)

15) _____
Signature Print Name

Residence Address (Number, Street. City/Town)