

PETITION FOR NOMINATING A CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Schenectady, New York:
Each of the undersigned does hereby certify that he or she is a qualified voter of the City School District of the City of Schenectady and does hereby nominate:

_____ of _____, Schenectady, NY,
(NAME) (ADDRESS)

as a Candidate for a member of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Schenectady, New York, for a vacancy to be filled at the Annual School Election to be held the **18th day of May, 2021.**

Signatures of Qualified Voters Nominating the Candidate Described Above
(At least 50 legible signatures required for a petition.) **2021 Election Only**
Please sign legibly

Signature	Address	Printed Name
1. _____	_____	_____
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20. _____	_____	_____

**Petitions shall be filed at the Office of the Clerk of the Board,
108 Education Drive by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

Education Law 6:1

Who is a qualified voter?

A qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which he or she offers to vote, and who is not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provision of section 5-106 of the Election Law (for example, a person who has been adjudged to be mentally incompetent). Only qualified voters of the school district may vote on a question brought before an annual meeting and election or special school district meeting (§§ 2012, 2603).

Education Law 2:12

What are the qualifications for membership on the school board?

To qualify for membership on a school board in a common, union free, central, central high school, or small city school district, and individual:

- Must be able to read and write (§ 2102).
 - Must be a qualified voter of the district; that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age or older, and not adjudged to be an incompetent (§§ 2102, 2012, 2507(7); Elec. Law § 5-106(6). (Note: a convicted felon is barred from running for a seat on a school board if his or her maximum prison sentence has not expired or if he or she has not been pardoned or discharged from parole (Elec. Law § 5-106(2)-(4)).
 - Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election.
 - May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.
 - May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.
 - May not be a current employee of the school board.
 - May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office (2:17-22).
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Education Law 2:34

Are school board candidates required to file campaign expenditure statements?

Yes. If a school board candidate's campaign expenditures exceed \$500, the candidate must file a sworn statement with both the District Clerk and the Commissioner of Education itemizing their expenditures and contributions received. This statement must list the amounts of all money or other valuable things paid, given, expended or promised by the candidate, or incurred for or on the candidate's behalf with his or her approval. Any expenditure made on behalf of the candidate without his or her approval is not to be included in this statement. Unapproved expenditures are limited to \$25 and those making any such expenditure must file a sworn statement with the Clerk and the Commissioner that the candidate did not approve it.

Contribution statements shall include the dollar amount of any donation or the fair market value of any contribution which is other than money, and the name and address of the donor. If the donor is a political committee as defined in section 14-100 of the Election Law, the statement shall include the name of the political unit represented by the committee, the date of receipt of the donation, the dollar amount of every expenditure, the name and address of the person to whom it was made, and the date thereof.

A candidate who spends \$500 or less must file a sworn statement with the District Clerk indicating this to be the case. No other campaign expenditure statement is required.

BALLOT DRAWING: 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29, 2021

Names of candidates will be arranged on the ballot in order determined by a drawing by lot. Such a drawing shall be conducted by The Clerk of the Board of Education on the day after the last possible date for candidates to file a petition. In the event that any candidate is not present in person, or by a person designated in written proxy to accomplish the drawing, the District Clerk shall be authorized to act as proxy. Such drawing will be conducted on **Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 3 p.m.** in the Superintendent's Office, 108 Education Drive Schenectady, New York.