

Get on Board!

WHAT MAKES A **GREAT** SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER?



Who are school directors?

Washington state's public school districts are directed by publicly-elected school boards. These board members—called “school directors”—are citizens just like you! They are parents and grandparents, young people and senior citizens, and community members from all walks of life.

There is great value in diversity on a school board. Each member brings his or her varying experiences and background to inform good decision making with a spirit of teamwork.

A statewide survey conducted by WSSDA shows that its members run for school board for two primary reasons: to give back to their community and to help children get a good education.

What does a school board do?

School directors work together to oversee the school district. As a board, their primary responsibilities are:

- Hire, supervise and evaluate the superintendent
- Set the vision, mission and strategic goals for the district
- Review, revise and adopt policies
- Establish and oversee the budget
- Serve as community representatives
- Monitor the district's progress towards its goals

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WHERE CAN YOU FIND THE NEXT GREAT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER?
Look in the mirror: It might be YOU.

Want to be a school director? Here's how to get started:

1 For information on how to file, check the Washington Secretary of State's website at: sos.wa.gov/elections/ under the Candidates tab, call (360) 902-4180 or (800) 448-4881, or email: elections@sos.wa.gov.

2 Find out which positions are up for election and verify that you are eligible to run for the office. You must be a registered voter and live within your school district boundaries. Some school director positions require that you live within a certain director area, so check to be sure you're qualified. Your local county elections department or school district office can help verify that you are eligible.

3 File during filing week, May 13-17, 2019. Candidates may file for an office online or in person at the local elections office.

4 Be aware of state requirements for all candidates and elected officials to file a financial disclosure statement and report all campaign finances to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). Annual filing is required if elected. More information can be found here: pdc.wa.gov/learn.

Key 2019 dates for school director candidates:

Voting in Washington state is done by mail-in ballot.

- Filing Week: May 13-17
- Primary Election: July 17 – Aug. 6
- General Election: Oct. 16 – Nov. 5

What kind of training is available?

The Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) provides training and support to school directors. WSSDA is offering ten free workshops for school board candidates across the state in June 2019.

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Washington
students

Candidate Workshops

SCHEDULE

All workshops are 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Registration is free, but required.

Tuesday, June 11

ESD 105, Yakima

Tuesday, June 11

Mount Vernon SD, Mount Vernon

Wednesday, June 12

Kenmore Library, Kenmore

Wednesday, June 12

North Central ESD, Wenatchee

Wednesday, June 12

Northeast WA ESD 101, Spokane

Wednesday, June 12

Olympia SD, Olympia

Wednesday, June 12

Port Angeles SD, Port Angeles

Thursday, June 13

Colville SD Office, Colville

Thursday, June 13

ESD 123, Pasco

Thursday, June 13

Longview SD, Longview

For workshop details and registration, visit our website at wssda.org/candidateworkshops.

