

SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

INDIVIDUAL NOMINATING PETITION FOR SCHOOL BOARD

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Candidate (or circulator) must complete all information in “SECTION A” **prior to circulation.**
2. A candidate shall write his or her “**full and correct name**” on the petition, as the full and correct name will appear on the General Election ballot. Any “nickname” may be placed in quotes after the candidate’s given name (e.g., Michael “Mickey” Mouse).
3. If candidacy is for a regional school, be sure to include the municipality being represented in Section A.
4. Be sure to state the correct term of office in Section A; once a petition is circulated, the term cannot be amended.
5. Candidate must provide a **campaign email address**, which **WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.**
6. Candidate may include a designation/slogan on the ballot to appear with their name (designation is optional, is limited to three words, and cannot contain the name (or derivative thereof) of any political party that participates in a primary election).
7. The person circulating the petition must bear witness as to the signers of the petition.

CANDIDATE 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 is a registered voter in the district.
- 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**

No board of education member shall be directly or indirectly involved in any contract with, or claim against, the board. Consult your school district’s Board Secretary for rules concerning the ability of board members to serve who have relatives working in the school district.

*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.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATE

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 more information, call the Election Law Enforcement Commission 609-292-8700 or toll-free within NJ at 888-313-ELEC.

SUBMISSION OF PETITION

Completed nominating petitions for candidates participating in the **November General Election** shall be filed with the **County Clerk** on or before **4 p.m. of the last Monday in July.**

Completed nominating petitions for candidates participating in the **Annual April School Election** shall be filed with the district’s **School Board Secretary** on or before **4 p.m. of the 50th day before the date of the April School Election.**

Candidates participating in the November election can call the County Clerk at 973-579-0900 Ext 1501 if more information is required. Candidates participating in the April election should contact their respective Board Secretary for more information.

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For the **NOVEMBER** Election, submit completed petition to the COUNTY CLERK.

For the **APRIL** Election, submit this petition to your local SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY.

A. NOMINATING STATEMENT:

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the _____ School District in Sussex County, New Jersey. We hereby endorse (candidate name) _____, whose address is (Street and Number) _____, as a candidate for membership on the Board of Education representing (Name of Municipality) _____ for the (Full **or** Unexpired) term of _____ years, and we hereby request that the name of said candidate be printed on the official ballot to be used at the ensuing school election for Board of Education to be held _____, 20__.

CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN EMAIL (will be public): _____

CANDIDATE SLOGAN (Optional, no more than three words): _____

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 (Name of Candidate) _____ is legally qualified under the laws of the State to be elected a member of the _____ Board of Education.

Signature and residence of registered voter:

1.	_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature
	_____ Street Address	_____ Town / Zip
2.	_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature
	_____ Street Address	_____ Town / Zip
3.	_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature
	_____ Street Address	_____ Town / Zip
4.	_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature
	_____ Street Address	_____ Town / Zip
5.	_____ Printed Name	_____ Signature
	_____ Street Address	_____ Town / Zip

Signature and residence of registered voter:

6.	_____	_____
	Printed Name	Signature
	_____	_____
	Street Address	Town / Zip
7.	_____	_____
	Printed Name	Signature
	_____	_____
	Street Address	Town / Zip
8.	_____	_____
	Printed Name	Signature
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	Street Address	Town / Zip
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	Printed Name	Signature
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	Street Address	Town / Zip
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11.	_____	_____
	Printed Name	Signature
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12.	_____	_____
	Printed Name	Signature
	_____	_____
	Street Address	Town / Zip
13.	_____	_____
	Printed Name	Signature
	_____	_____
	Street Address	Town / Zip
14.	_____	_____
	Printed Name	Signature
	_____	_____
	Street Address	Town / Zip
15.	_____	_____
	Printed Name	Signature
	_____	_____
	Street Address	Town / Zip

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C. AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION

(Circulator’s Name) _____ being duly sworn or affirmed according to the law on his/her oath deposes and says that:

The foregoing petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own hand-writing; the said signers are, to deponent’s best knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the school district election at which the candidate shall be voted for; and that said petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the candidate therein named and placing the candidate’s name on the official ballot in order to secure his/her election as a member of the Board of Education.

As circulator of this petition, I further swear or affirm that I am legally eligible to vote in the State of New Jersey.

SWORN OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 20_____

NOTARY’S SIGNATURE (My Term Expires: _____)

SIGNATURE OF CIRCULATOR

D. CANDIDATE’S ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, _____, the candidate for membership to 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 and that I consent to stand as a candidate for election, and, if elected, agree to accept and qualify into that office. I affirm and declare that I have not been convicted of a disqualifying crime pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1 and am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4-1.

I 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_____

NOTARY’S SIGNATURE (My Term Expires: _____)

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME OF CANDIDATE

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EMAIL address required pursuant to P.L. 2018, c.66.

Petition received by: _____

DATE - TIME STAMP
