



2018 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION

The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township is governed by the five-member Board of Education (“School Board”), whose members are elected by District citizens. Board members commit significant time and energy to their Board duties; the rewards come from shaping the future of this outstanding educational system. Please consider becoming a candidate for the Board of Education for the November 6, 2018 election, or nominating a qualified candidate.

RESPONSIBILITIES & QUALITIES

The Board of Education’s foremost duty is to determine and set policy for the school district and to continually review and evaluate the effectiveness of that policy. Other matters of major importance include supervising the District’s financial affairs, educational program needs, and key school personnel, including the Superintendent. Board of Education members must also keep abreast of state and local legislative affairs.

A person who seeks a Board of Education position should be dedicated to serving the community, sincerely interested in education, willing to hear other views, and committed to gaining information necessary for decisions on all matters that come before the Board, without compensation. Candidates should consult the Board of Education’s Code of Ethics available under the Policy Section on the District Website at www.msdt.k12.in.us

ELIGIBILITY

Each Board member is elected to a four-year term. To be eligible to seek election, a candidate must have been a resident of the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township for at least one year, as of November 6, 2018. In other words, you must have lived in MSDWT since at least November 6, 2017. A candidate must be registered to vote in the sub-district that the candidate seeks to represent.

THREE SUB-DISTRICTS

The five Board of Education members serve from three sub-districts (see attached map) within the township. Each sub-district must have at least one but not more than two seats on the Board of Education. There are two incumbent Board members whose terms expire in 2018, one from sub-district I, and one from sub-district II. In August 2018 we will consider endorsement of two candidates. One of these candidates must be from sub-district II), and one must be from either District I or II. Because there are already two board members from sub-district III, with terms that do not expire until 2020, a resident of sub-district III is not eligible to run in 2018. Once elected, each School Board member represents the entire school District, not just the sub-district from which she or he was elected. More information about Board seats and districts is available at www.msdt.k12.in.us.

MSDWT PARENT COUNCIL SLATING

Washington Township is strong in large part because of parental involvement throughout the District’s 50+ year history. The MSDWT Parent Council is an alliance of parent advocates who act on their belief that quality public education is an investment in the future. As part of its mission to support Washington Township schools, the Parent Council interviews candidates for the Board of Education elections, and presents a slate it believes will best advance the interests of students, parents and the greater Washington Township community. For additional information about the MSDWT Parent Council and the slating process, please visit the Parent Council website at www.msdtparentcouncil.org or contact the chair of the Parent Council School Board Candidate Committee, Kristina Frey at frey.kristina@gmail.com or (317) 489-8922.

