



2020 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 3, 2020 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.msdtw.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 3, 2020. In other words, you must have lived in MSDWT since at least November 3, 2019. ***A candidate must also reside 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 three incumbent Board members whose terms expire in 2020: one from sub-district I, one from sub-district III, and one at-large. ***In August 2020 we will consider endorsement of three candidates. The sub-district I candidate must live in sub-district I, and the sub-district III candidate must live in sub-district III. The at-large candidate may live in sub-district II or III.*** 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.msdtw.k12.in.us.

MSDWT PARENT COUNCIL NETWORK SLATING

Washington Township is strong in large part because of parental involvement throughout the District’s 50+ year history. The MSDWT Parent Council Network 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 Network and the slating process, please visit the Parent Council website at www.msdtwparentcouncil.org or contact the chair of the School Board Candidate Committee, Kristina Frey at frey.kristina@gmail.com or (317) 489-8922.

