

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 1, 2010

Dear School Board Candidate:

In accordance with Article 32, Section 1528 to 1531 of the Education Law, a candidate for school board membership is required to file three statements in regard to campaign expenditures and contributions. All statements must be sworn before a notary public (or a public official authorized by New York State Law to administer oaths). The filing deadlines for these statements are as follows:

1. A preliminary statement must be filed no later than 30 days before the election (**April 19, 2010**);
2. A second statement must be filed no later than 5 days before the election (**May 13, 2010**); and
3. A third and final statement must be filed within 20 days after the election (**June 7, 2010**).

Additionally, if a candidate receives a contribution or loan in excess of \$1,000 after the closing date for the most recent required statement, but before the election, the candidate must report it within 24 hours after its receipt.

A candidate who has campaign expenditures of \$500 or less and who receives \$500 or less in campaign contributions may file a sworn statement with the District Clerk indicating that neither his or her expenditures nor contributions exceeded \$500.

A candidate whose expenses and/or contributions exceed \$500 must file an itemized statement accounting for his/her campaign expenditures and contributions with the District Clerk and an additional statement with the Commissioner of Education (ATTN: Mary Ellen Clark, NYS Education Dept., 876 EBA, Albany, NY 12234). The itemized expenditure statement must list all moneys or other valuable things, paid, given, expended or promised by the candidate or incurred for or on his or her behalf with his or her approval, by any person, firm, association or corporation, to aid his or her own nomination or election, or to aid or influence the nomination or defeat of any candidate to be voted for at the election. A candidate's itemized contribution statement must include the dollar value or fair market value of the contribution and the name and address of the contributor. If the contributor is a political committee as defined by Election Law section 14-100, the statement must include the name of the committee and the political unit represented by the committee. Candidates must report any receipt, contribution or transfer.

Failure on the part of any candidate to file a statement, or to file one that conforms to the requirements of the law, can result in a legal proceeding to compel filing. The law expressly authorizes the institution of such a proceeding before a justice of the Supreme Court by any other candidate voted for at the election or by any five qualified voters.

Sincerely,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk

Attachment (sample stmt)

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