

GREATER JOHNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Prospective School Board Candidate:

Candidates for the Board of Education must be at least 18 years old; qualified voters in the school district; able to read & write; and must be residents of the district continuously for one year before the election. They can't be employees of the school district or live in the same household with a family member who is also a member of the same school board.

Attached are three copies of a Nominating Petition. Nothing in the Education Law specifies the earliest date that candidates may begin collecting signatures on nominating petitions. The filing deadline in small city school districts is on or before the twentieth day preceding the election, pursuant to NYS Education Law Section 2608.1. Nominating petitions for the **May 15, 2012 election** must be received in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Education at 1 Sir Bills Circle, Suite 101 (JHS) by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 25, 2012**. *It is recommended that you not wait until the last day to file.* When you file your petitions, please also provide the district clerk with a telephone number and email address where you may be contacted.

The signatures of one hundred qualified district voters are required, but it is recommended that additional signatures be obtained, in case any are invalidated for some reason. A qualified voter is a citizen of the US, at least 18 years old and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days immediately prior to the election. A person need not be a registered voter to satisfy the legal definition of a qualified voter for purposes of signing a school board nominating petition. Generally, there is not a limit as to the number of nominating petitions a qualified voter may sign in a school district election. All persons must sign their name and note their address. Printed signatures are not valid.

A drawing to determine the position of candidates' names on the ballot will be conducted in the District Clerk's Office on **Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 1:00 PM**; candidates or their designated proxies may attend. The District Clerk will act as proxy for any candidate who is not present and hasn't designated a proxy in writing.

Candidates' Night is a forum for citizen awareness of candidates, issues and positions and is *usually* held immediately following the Public Budget Hearing. The public budget hearing will be held at **6:30 p.m. on May 1, 2012** in the high school lecture hall. Additional information about Candidate's Night will be provided when available.

Finally, please note that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §1529, School Board candidates are **required by NYS law** to file [campaign contribution & expense statements](#). Further information regarding this requirement is available on the District web site, www.johnstownschoools.org, or may be obtained from the District Office.

Yours truly,

Larraina Carpenter
District Clerk

Attachments
(Petition and Cover Ltr.ele)

NOMINATING PETITION - SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
 TO: The Board of Education of the Greater Johnstown School District

We, the undersigned, **qualified voters of the Greater Johnstown School District**, Johnstown, New York, hereby nominate:

CANDIDATE: _____ Residence: _____

As a candidate for the office of Member of the Board of Education for a term of three (3) years, to be voted for at the annual school board election to be held in said school district on **May 15, 2012**, and set opposite our names our respective places of residence. **100 Valid Signatures are REQUIRED. DEADLINE TO FILE PETITIONS: APRIL 25, 2012 AT 5:00 PM**

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