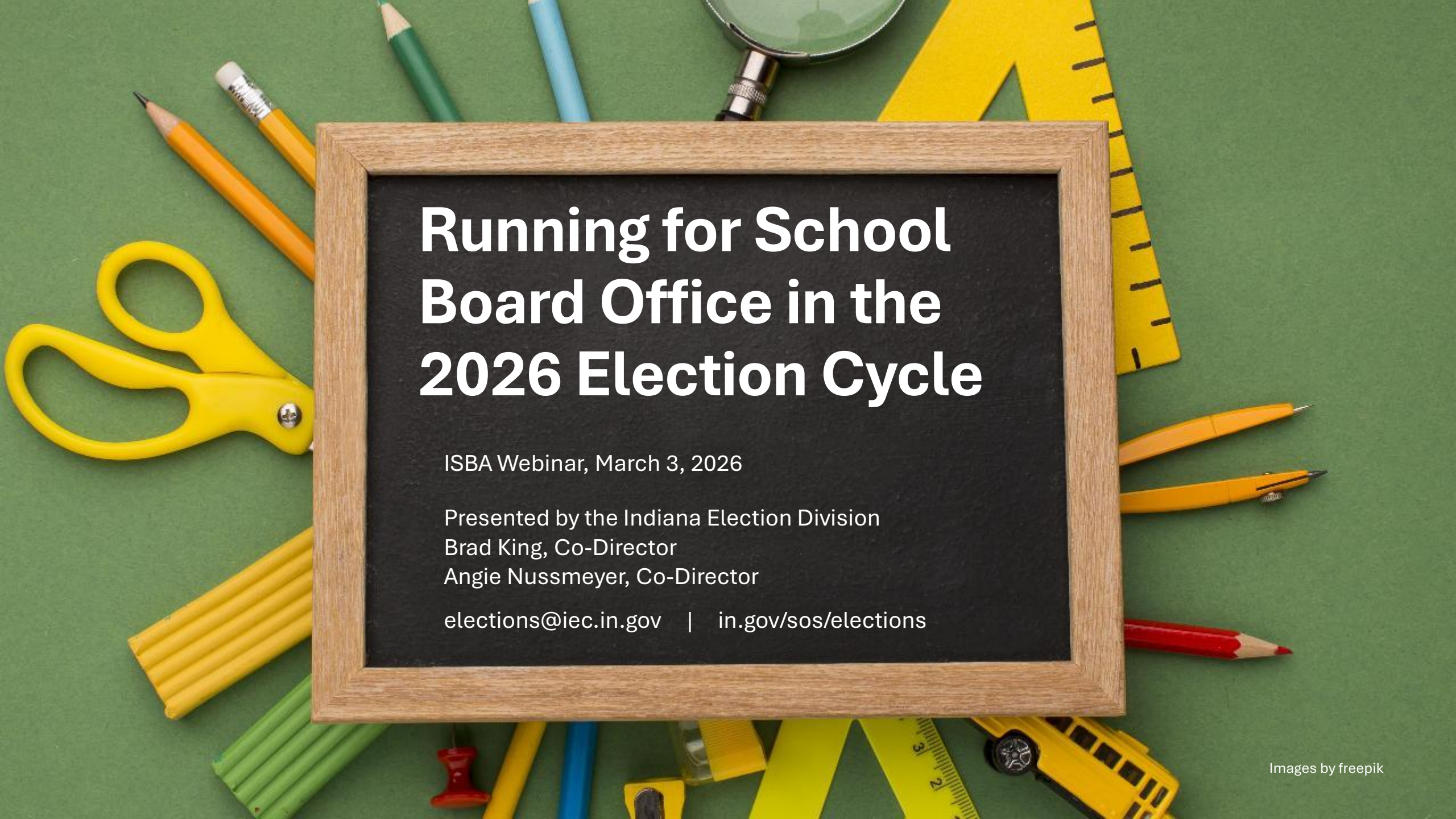




Running for School Board Office in the 2026 Election Cycle

ISBA Webinar, March 3, 2026

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ACRONYMS

- CAN = Candidate (used on some form designations)
- CEB = County Election Board
- CFA = Indiana's Campaign Finance Act (IC 3-9, generally)
- D/R/L = Democratic, Republican, Libertarian Parties
- IED = Indiana Election Division
- SB = School Board
- SVRS = Statewide Voter Registration System
- VR = Voter Registration



Running for School Board Office

Qualifications to Run | Forms & Filing Periods

Breakdown of CAN-34 Petition & Consent | Petition Processing

Write-In Candidates | Candidate Withdrawal | Challenges



CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS (1)



Are there durational residency requirements?

- Yes. Candidates for school board must reside in the school corporation (or, if applicable, an election district that consists of an area smaller than the entire school corporation boundaries) for at least one year before the election (meaning, one year before the November 3, 2026, general election).

Am I registered to vote in the election district?

- You must be a registered voter of the election district not later than the deadline to file the candidate's consent on the CAN-34 form.

Am I old enough to hold a school board office if elected?

- Must be at least 18 years of age and otherwise eligible to assume office, if elected
- [NEW IN 2025: FORMERLY at least 21 years of age...]

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS (2)

Do I meet the vote history requirements to run as the D or R candidate?

- State law requires that you cast a ballot in the last TWO primary elections in Indiana in which you voted must be of the same political party you are seeking to represent on the November ballot
 - This does not mean only the last two primary elections held in your precinct; rather, you must look back at your entire primary vote history
 - Example 1: John pulled a D primary ballot in 2024 and a D primary ballot in 2008 and voted in no other primary elections in between 2008 and 2024. He meets the party affiliation standard in state law.
 - Example 2: Sue pulled an R primary ballot in 2024 and a D primary ballot in 2022; there was no primary election in her precinct in 2023. She does NOT meet the party affiliation standard in state law.
 - Example 3: William pulled an R primary ballot in 2022, and the county recorded his primary ballot choice as “PQ” or public question only in 2020. He does NOT meet the party affiliation standard in state law.
 - Example 4: Mary pulled an R primary ballot in 2024 and an R ballot in Virginia in 2022. She does NOT meet the party affiliation standard in state law.
- If your voting history does not meet this requirement, you can seek certification from the county chair where you reside
 - No official state form for the certification, but IED and CEB have a template that can be shared

Not running as a D or R candidate? Then this requirement does not apply to you.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Can a teacher or non-certified employee hold a school board position in the same school corporation for which they are employed?

- No. State law does not permit a teacher or non-certified employee (as defined in IC 20-29-2-11) to be a member of the governing body of the same school corporation they are employed.

Can I run for elected office with a felony conviction?

- A person who has been convicted of a felony is disqualified from being a candidate for an elected office (except a federal office) or assuming an office
 - Felony means a conviction of a crime where a person can be imprisoned for more than 1 year



FILING TIMELINE & CAN-34 PETITION OVERVIEW

NOW: Collect signatures of registered voters within election district using the CAN-34 Petition Form

- **School board members elected at-large**
 - All voters of the election district vote on the race and can vote for more than one person to serve on the school board
 - Signatures can come from any registered voter within the school corporation boundaries
- **School board members are elected by district BUT voted on in the “at-large” style**
 - Generally, the district is created for residency/geographic balance purposes though all voters within the school corporation boundaries vote on the school board seats
 - Signatures can come from any registered voter within the school corporation boundaries
- **School board members are elected by district and only by voters in their district**
 - Signature can only come from a registered voter within the “smaller” internal election district

FILING TIMELINE & CAN-34 PETITION OVERVIEW (1)

Most school board candidates need 10 certified signatures of registered voters in the election district as described in the previous slide. A few school corporations use different guidelines (mostly in Lake County) and the signature count differs.

School Corporation Plan is the definitive resource to confirm how each school board seat is elected.

May 19 to June 18, 2026 (NOON): CAN-34, CAN-12 Filing Period

- Complete the consent on the back of the CAN-34 on at least one petition
- File CAN-34 petitions with county VR official where the largest percentage of voters based on the 2020 census population of the school corporation reside
 - “Largest” county processes all CAN-34 petitions (Note: This is different than other types of petitions used to gain ballot access)
- File the CAN-12 Statement of Economic Interests at the same time as the CAN-34 petition (in most counties*)
 - CAN-12 reflects the previous year’s (2025) financial activity, not the year in which the report is filed (2026).
 - *Six counties (Allen, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Vanderburgh & Vigo) have a separate board of registration. In these counties, you must first file the CAN-34 with the VR office. Once the petitions are certified, then you must take the VR certified CAN-34 petitions to the county election board or clerk to officially file to run for office. This requires the CAN-12 to be filed with the CAN-34 petitions/consent.

PETITION PROCESSING

2026 CAN-34 EXAMPLE (FRONT)



PETITION OF NOMINATION AND CONSENT FOR SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE ELECTED IN 2026

State Form 47008 (R22 / 7-25)
Indiana Election Division (IC 3-8-2.5; 3-6-12)

(CAN-34)

COUNTY: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: This petition is used to nominate candidates for school board office. This petition must be filed with the appropriate county voter registration office not earlier than May 19, 2026 and not later than noon, June 18, 2026. Petitioners are not required to provide precinct and ward information. Except in cases of disability, the petitioner must complete the information in the petitioner's own handwriting. If assistance is provided due to disability, the assister must complete the affidavit on the reverse of this form. Each candidate must complete the Candidate's Consent on the reverse of this form and file a Statement of Economic Interests (CAN-12 form) with this petition. In a metropolitan school corporation, this petition must be signed by ten (10) registered voters residing in the same board member district as the nominee. (IC 20-23-7-8.1) In a community school corporation, this petition must be signed by ten (10) registered voters residing within the boundaries of the school corporation. (IC 20-23-4-29.1) Additional petition requirements apply in some school corporations. Consult your attorney to be advised of your rights and responsibilities.

TO THE _____ COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK (OR THE LAKE, PORTER, OR TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION AND REGISTRATION):
Each of the undersigned represents that: 1) the individual resides at the address after the individual's signature as of the date this petition is processed by the county voter registration officials; 2) the individual is a duly qualified registered voter in Indiana; 3) the individual desires to be able to vote for the candidates listed below; and 4) each of the undersigned respectfully requests you to place the following names of the legally qualified candidates for a school board office on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot. If the school district is comprised of more than one county, the petition is to be filed with the county containing the greatest percentage of the population of the school corporation.

CANDIDATE NAME INFORMATION					OFFICE SOUGHT
I request that my name appear on the general election ballot in the following manner as described in IC 3-5-7. I also request that my name on my voter registration record be the same as the name on this declaration of candidacy. (IC 3-8-2-7(c)).					
First Designation	Second Designation	Third Designation	Fourth Designation	Suffix	Name of School Corporation and District, if Applicable
					PARTY AFFILIATION
Instructions for completing the Candidate's Ballot Name Designation are found on the reverse of this form. If a candidate's name does not comply with IC 3-5-7, the declaration may be challenged under Indiana Code 3-5-1-2. A candidate may use a nickname on the ballot only if the nickname is a name by which the candidate is commonly known and does not exceed 20 characters. A candidate may not use a title or degree as a designation or a designation that implies a title or degree. Nicknames are required to be printed on the ballot using parentheses. EXAMPLE: John R. (Jack) Doe.					See reverse side of form for party affiliation affirmations. If an independent candidate, write "Independent" above. If you choose not to affiliate with a party or as an Independent, this box remains blank.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME First Last	DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YYYY	RESIDENCE ADDRESS (No P.O. Boxes) Number Street Apartment	CITY or TOWN and ZIP CODE	Office Use Only	
						REG (Y/N)	PCT/ WARD
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PETITION CARRIER CERTIFICATION (Must be completed on each petition submitted for filing.)			
I affirm under the penalties for perjury that I have no reason to believe that any individual whose signature appears on this page is ineligible to sign this petition or did not properly complete and sign this page.			
CARRIER'S SIGNATURE	CARRIER'S PRINTED NAME	CARRIER'S DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, year)	DATE SIGNED BY CARRIER (month, day, year)
CARRIER'S FULL ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		Note: Indiana state law does not require a petition carrier to be an Indiana resident or registered voter of Indiana to circulate or gather petition signatures for a candidate. All fields in this certification must be completed before filing with the county closes at noon, June 18, 2026, or the petition is rejected.	

CANDIDATE NAME DESIGNATIONS

1 First Designation

- Candidate's legal given name OR initial of candidate's legal given name OR
- Candidate's legal middle name OR initial of candidate's legal given name OR
- Candidate's nickname

2 Second Designation, if not used in the first designation...

- Candidate's legal middle name OR initial of candidate's legal given name OR
- Candidate's nickname OR Candidate's surname

3 Third Designation, if not used in the first or second designation...

- Candidate's nickname OR Candidate's legal surname

4 Fourth Designation, if not used in the first or second or third designation..

- Candidate's nickname OR Candidate's legal surname

5 Fifth Designation: Suffix Only

SURNAME (or last name) is important to designate, as candidates on the November ballot are first grouped by party and then alpha by surname.

- Surname can be a name found on a birth certificate, marriage license, or on the judicial order changing a person's name

All NICKNAMES must go in (PARENTHESES) on the ballot

- Parentheses not required when nickname is used in first designation
- Must be a nickname candidate is commonly known
- Limited to 20 characters
- Cannot use Title or Degree

Candidate Name does NOT have to match voter registration

- Instead, registration updated by county to reflect candidate's ballot name

the legally qualified candidates for a school board office on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot. If the school district is comprised of more than one containing the greatest percentage of the population of the school corporation.

CANDIDATE NAME INFORMATION				
I request that my name appear on the general election ballot in the following manner as described in IC 3-8-7.				
I also request that my name on my voter registration record be the same as the name on this declaration of candidacy. (IC 3-8-2-7(c)).				
First Designation	Second Designation	Third Designation	Fourth Designation	Suffix
Instructions for completing the Candidate's Ballot Name Designation are found on the reverse of this form. If a candidate's name does not comply with IC 3-8-7, the declaration may be challenged under Indiana Code 3-8-1-2. A candidate may use a nickname on the ballot only if the nickname is a name by which the candidate is commonly known and does not exceed 20 characters. A candidate may not use a title or degree as a designation or a designation that implies a title or degree. Nicknames are required to be printed on the ballot using parentheses. EXAMPLE: John R. (Jack) Doe.				

OFFICE SOUGHT

Enter the name of the school board seat you are seeking, whether a specific district or at-large

PARTY AFFILIATION

Enter the party you seek to affiliate or indicate Independent status or leave section blank to not affiliate as an Independent candidate or with a political party

	OFFICE SOUGHT
	Name of School Corporation and District, if Applicable
	PARTY AFFILIATION
	See reverse side of form for party affiliation affirmations. If an Independent candidate, write "Independent" above. If you choose not to affiliate with a party or as an Independent, this box remains blank.

CAN-34 PETITIONER SECTION

Indiana Code 3-0-1-2. A candidate may use a nickname on the ballot only if the nickname is a name by which the candidate is commonly known and does not exceed 20 characters. A candidate may not use a title or degree as a designation or a designation that implies a title or degree. Nicknames are required to be printed on the ballot using parentheses. EXAMPLE: John R. (Jack) Doe.

Independent candidate, write "Independent" above. If you choose not to affiliate with a party or as an Independent, this box remains blank.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME		DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YYYY	RESIDENCE ADDRESS (No P.O. Boxes) Number Street Apartment	CITY or TOWN and ZIP CODE	Office Use Only	
		First	Last				REG (Y/N)	PCT/ WARD
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REQUIRED CAN-34 PETITION ELEMENTS

Voter's Signature

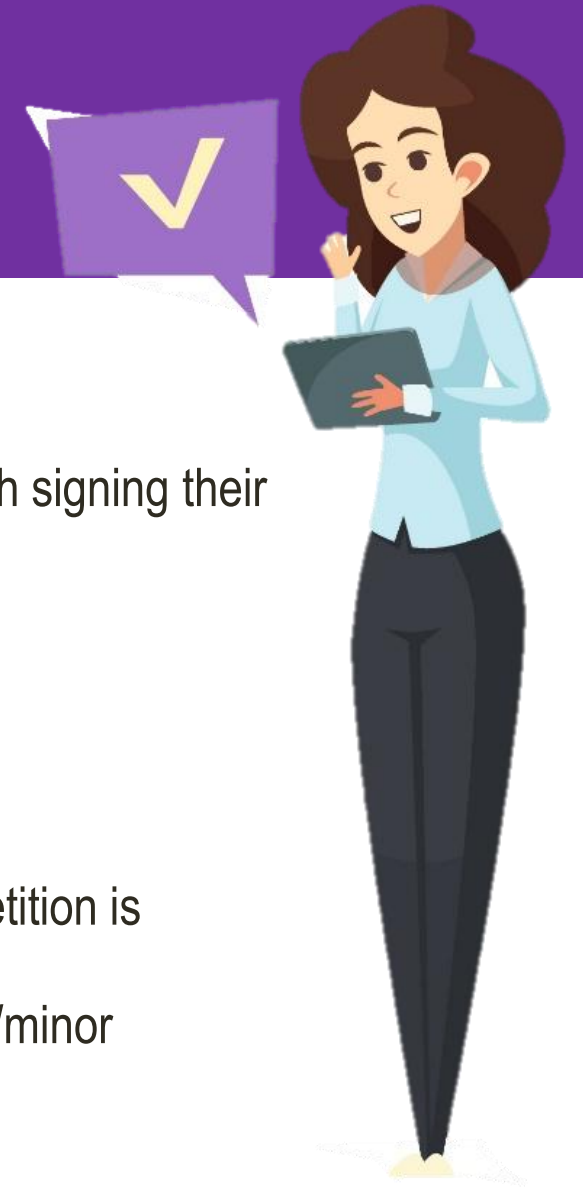
- Must substantially conform to the registration record
- Check for voter assistance affidavit on back of form to see if voter had assistance with signing their name

Voter's Printed First & Last Name

- Name may have minor variation from the registration record

Voter's Residence Address

- MUST be registered to vote at the address indicated on the petition at the time the petition is reviewed by county VR officials
 - Minor variations may be OK; see IC 3-5-6-4 and IC 3-5-6-5 for discussion on major/minor variations



OTHER CAN-34 PETITION ELEMENTS

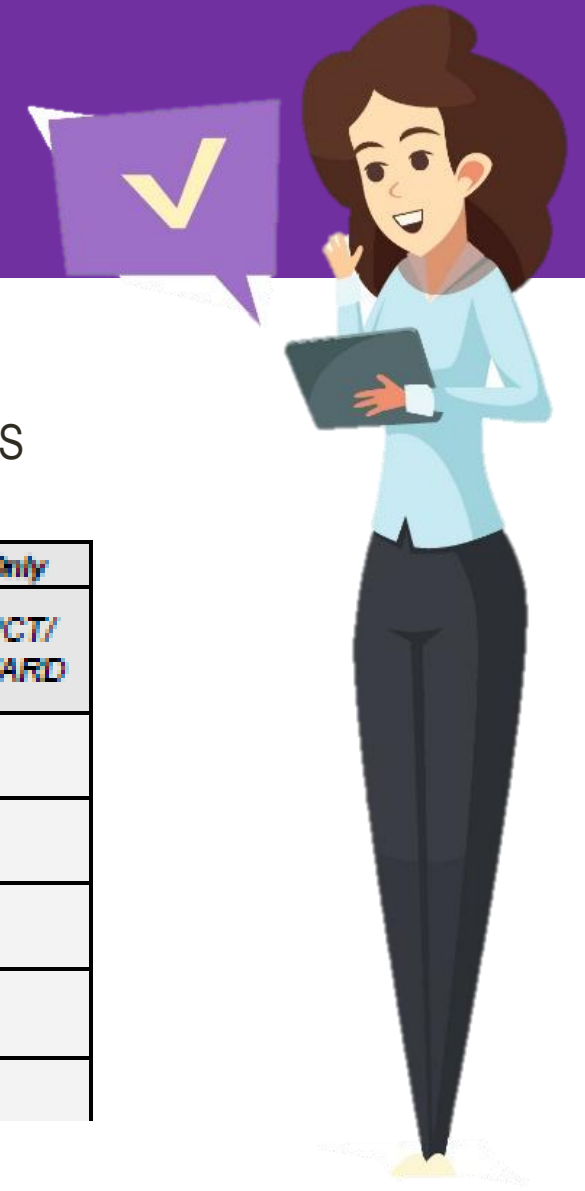
Voter's Date of Birth

- NOT required; not a reason to reject name – helpful for county officials to identify voter in SVRS

“For Office Use Only” Columns

- Voter does NOT complete this information; counties may use to assist with their count for certifications on back of petition
- Instead, counties should use to confirm if voter was registered to vote and their precinct/ward
 - County VR officials are instructed NOT to mark through petition rows
 - Instead, use the “yes/no” column to indicate if voter was registered

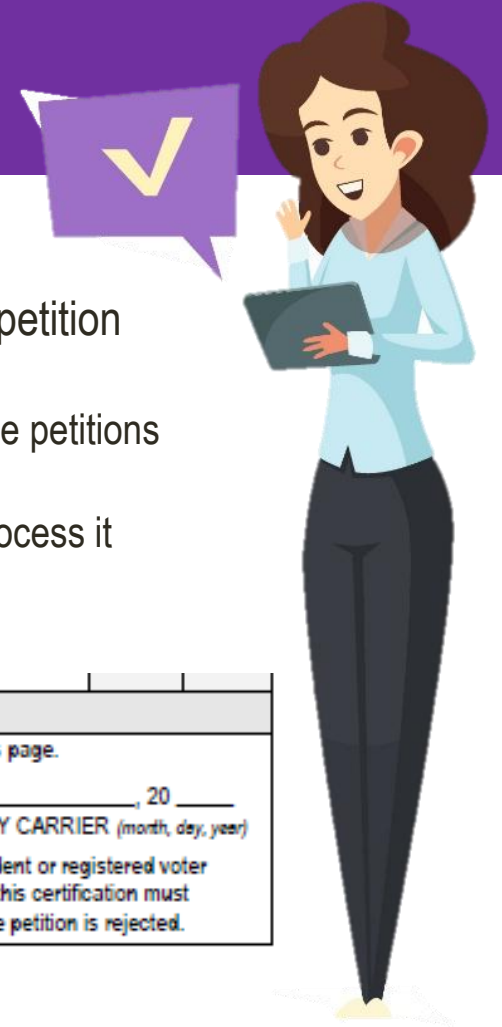
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	REG (Y/N)	PCT/ WARD



OTHER PETITION ELEMENTS

Petition Carrier Affidavit

- All petition carriers (including candidates!) must complete the affidavit found on the bottom of each petition
- All elements must be present; any missing information results in form being “incomplete”
 - County VR official MUST contact petition carrier to request that the affidavit be completed before deadline to file petitions for initial certification
 - If carrier completes affidavit by deadline (noon, June 18, 2026, for CAN-34), then county may review and process it
 - If carriers does NOT complete affidavit by deadline, then petition is rejected



PETITION CARRIER CERTIFICATION (Must be completed on each petition submitted for filing.)			
I affirm under the penalties for perjury that I have no reason to believe that any individual whose signature appears on this page is ineligible to sign this petition or did not properly complete and sign this page.			
CARRIER'S SIGNATURE	CARRIER'S PRINTED NAME	CARRIER'S DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, year)	DATE SIGNED BY CARRIER (month, day, year) , 20
CARRIER'S FULL ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		Note: Indiana state law does not require a petition carrier to be an Indiana resident or registered voter of Indiana to circulate or gather petition signatures for a candidate. All fields in this certification must be completed before filing with the county closes at noon, June 18, 2026, or the petition is rejected.	

PETITION PROCESSING

2026 CAN-34 EXAMPLE (BACK)

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT									
I, the undersigned, am a candidate for the office of school board member of _____ Insert name of school corporation, including any election district designation.									
My residence address is _____, IN _____ Street Number and Address City or Town Zip Code									
I am affiliated with the (check one) ☐ Democratic Party, ☐ Libertarian Party, ☐ Republican Party, or ☐ (insert political party name) _____ Party; or ☐ I am an independent candidate; or ☐ I elect not to disclose any affiliation with a political party; and (ii) do not identify as an independent candidate.									
If I am claiming affiliation with the Democratic or Republican Party, I understand that my party affiliation is determined by which party I voted for in the last two primary elections held in Indiana in which I voted. I understand that if I cannot meet this party affiliation requirement I must obtain and file with this declaration a certificate from the appropriate county chairman of the party indicating that I am a member of this political party. I meet the requirement to be affiliated with the political party indicated because: (check one) ☐ The two most recent primary elections held in Indiana in which I voted were the primaries held by the party with which I claim affiliation above. ☐ The county chairman of the county in which I reside, and of the political party with which I claim affiliation above, has certified that I am a member of the political party. (I have attached a copy of the county chairman's certification to this form.)									
I give my written consent under IC 3-8-2.5-7 to the circulation and filing of a petition under IC 3-8-2.5 to place my name on the ballot at the general election to be held November 3, 2026, designated as a candidate for this office. I meet all qualifications for this office, including residency requirements and do not have a criminal conviction that would prevent me from serving.									
I have been a candidate for a state, legislative, local office, or school board office in a previous primary or general election. ☐ Yes ☐ No (Check one) (If no, skip next line.)									
If yes, I have filed reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous candidacies. ☐ Yes ☐ No (Check one)									
I am aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign finance and the reporting of contributions and expenditures. I am aware of the requirement to file a campaign finance statement of organization with the appropriate county election board after the first of the following occurs: (1) I receive more than \$500 in contributions as a school board candidate, or (2) I spend more than \$500 in expenditures as a school board candidate. I agree to comply with the provisions of IC 3-9.									
I certify that the information in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and complete, and that I meet the specific requirements of this office.									
Signature		Date Signed		Subscribed and sworn to before this _____ day of _____, 2026.					
Telephone		Email (optional)		Signature of Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath according to IC 33-42-9-7					
Website (optional):				My Commission Expires (applies only to Notary Public):					
NOTE: If the name of more than one candidate is included on the petition, each candidate may attach a copy of the executed consent form above when the petition of nomination is filed.				County of Residence:					
AFFIDAVIT OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO PETITIONER(S) WITH DISABILITIES									
I affirm under the penalties for perjury that I assisted the following petitioners, due to disability, in writing the petitioner's signature, printed name, and residence address on this petition:									
Names of Petitioners Assisted by me: _____, 20_____, DATE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED (month, day, year)									
ASSISTER'S SIGNATURE			ASSISTER'S PRINTED NAME			ASSISTER'S ADDRESS (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)			
COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE CERTIFICATION									
County Name:		Number of Valid Signatures:		County Name:		Number of Valid Signatures:		County Name:	
I certify that, in accordance with IC 3-8-2.5-5, I have reviewed the registration records of the petitioners on this petition and certify the above number to be registered voters of the indicated County. In the case of a school corporation that covers more than one county, the county voter registration official of the containing the greatest percentage of the population of the school corporation certifies petitioners and records the number of valid signatures. Please use the space above to indicate the number of certified signatures for each county in a multi-county jurisdiction, if applicable.									
Witness my/our hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2026, at _____, Indiana.				COUNTY SEAL		Signature 1		☐ Clerk of the Circuit Court or	
						Signature 2, if applicable		☐ Member of the Board of Registration (D)	
☐ Member of the Board of Registration (R)									
Instructions on Completing Candidate's Ballot Name Designation. The FIRST DESIGNATION can be one of the following: the candidate's legal given name, the initial of the candidate's legal given name, the candidate's legal middle name, the initial of the candidate's legal middle name, or the candidate's nickname. The SECOND DESIGNATION can be one of the following: the candidate's legal middle name, the initial of the candidate's legal middle name, the candidate's nickname, or the candidate's legal surname. The THIRD DESIGNATION can be the candidate's nickname or the candidate's legal surname, if not used in the first or second designation. The FOURTH DESIGNATION can be the candidate's nickname or the candidate's legal surname, if not used in the third designation. Examples for the SUFFIX include Jr., Sr., or III, but it cannot indicate a title or degree such as MD or JD.									

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT		
I, the undersigned, am a candidate for the office of school board member of _____ Insert name of school corporation, including any election district designation.		
My residence address is _____, IN _____ Street Number and Address City or Town Zip Code		
I am affiliated with the (check one) ☐ Democratic Party, ☐ Libertarian Party, ☐ Republican Party, or ☐ (insert political party name) _____ Party; or ☐ I am an Independent candidate; or ☐ I elect not to disclose any affiliation with a political party, or (i) am not affiliated with a political party; and (ii) do not identify as an independent candidate.		
If I am claiming affiliation with the Democratic or Republican Party, I understand that my party affiliation is determined by which party I voted for in the last two primary elections held in Indiana in which I voted. I understand that if I cannot meet this party affiliation requirement I must obtain and file with this declaration a certificate from the appropriate county chairman of the party indicating that I am a member of this political party. I meet the requirement to be affiliated with the political party indicated because: (check one) ☐ The two most recent primary elections held in Indiana in which I voted were the primaries held by the party with which I claim affiliation above. ☐ The county chairman of the county in which I reside, and of the political party with which I claim affiliation above, has certified that I am a member of the political party. (I have attached a copy of the county chairman's certification to this form.)		

1. Confirm name of school corporation and any election district designation, if applicable
2. Provide your complete RESIDENCE address
3. Denote D/R/L or minor political party affiliation or Independent status or leave “blank” to not affiliate

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT (1)

I give my written consent under IC 3-8-2.5-7 to the circulation and filing of a petition under IC 3-8-2.5 to place my name on the ballot at the general election to be held November 3, 2026, designated as a candidate for this office. I meet all qualifications for this office, including residency requirements and do not have a criminal conviction that would prevent me from serving. I have been a candidate for a state, legislative, local office, or school board office in a previous primary or general election. ☐ Yes ☐ No (Check one) (If no, skip next line.) If yes, I have filed reports required by IC 3-9-5-10 for all previous candidacies. ☐ Yes ☐ No (Check one) I am aware of the provisions of IC 3-9 regarding campaign finance and the reporting of contributions and expenditures. I am aware of the requirement to file a campaign finance statement of organization with the appropriate county election board after the first of the following occurs: (1) I receive more than \$500 in contributions as a school board candidate, or (2) I spend more than \$500 in expenditures as a school board candidate. I agree to comply with the provisions of IC 3-9. I certify that the information in this Declaration of Candidacy is true and complete, and that I meet the specific requirements of this office.			
Signature _____		Date Signed _____	Subscribed and sworn to before this _____ day of _____, 2026.
Telephone _____		Email (optional) _____	
Website (optional): _____		Signature of Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath according to IC 33-42-9-7	
NOTE: If the name of more than <u>one</u> candidate is included on the petition, each candidate may attach a copy of the executed consent form above when the petition of nomination is filed.		My Commission Expires (applies only to Notary Public): _____	
		County of Residence: _____	

4. Disclose if you have run for elected office (does not include PC or party state convention delegate) previously by marking “yes” or “no”
5. Marking “yes” to running for office requires you to state **IF** you filed all campaign finance reports in the next question
6. Signature Box & Date
 - Affirms that you consent to run for elected office, understand campaign finance requirements, and completed the consent (declaration of candidacy) correctly; Telephone, email & website disclosure (optional, but helpful for CEB)
7. Notary box: Must wait to sign consent until you are before a notary!

PETITION CERTIFICATION



County Must Certify Each Petition

- Certification boxes found on the back of each form
 - Two boxes available in case more than one county needs to certify signatures
- **MUST** be completed by county VR official or employee, including number of valid signatures on petition
 - More than one signature line in each box in case a board of registration is certifying
 - Using a seal is optional
- **ONLY** certification that matters – SVRS reports are helpful, but original physical document with county VR certification is “official” count!

COUNTY #1 VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE CERTIFICATION			
County:		Number of Valid Signatures:	
I certify that, in accordance with IC 3-8-6-10(c), I have reviewed the registration records of the petitioners on this petition and certify the above number to be registered voters of this County.			
Witness my/our hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2026, at _____, Indiana.		COUNTY SEAL HERE	
Signature 1		☐ Clerk of the Circuit Court or ☐ Member of the Board of Registration (D)	
Signature 2		☐ Member of the Board of Registration (R)	

PETITION CERTIFICATION (1)

Clerk sends notice to candidate if individual met the signature requirement (or not)

- **Have enough certified signatures?**
 - Clerk will mail a CAN-5 to the candidate (or, if candidate is present, hand deliver the CAN-5 to the candidate)
- **Not enough certified signatures?**
 - Clerk must send notice informing candidate that they did not meet the signature requirements
 - Candidate Options:
 - Go get more signatures and file CAN-34 petitions before deadline passes (May 19 to noon, June 18, 2026)
 - File a CAN-1 challenge to dispute the clerk's assessment on rejecting one or more signatures

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Write-in Candidate's Name is **NOT** printed on the ballot!

Forms to file with CEB:

- CAN-26: Declaration of Candidacy
 - No signature gathering requirement
- CAN-12: statement of economic interests
 - Include information from 2025 only

Write-in School Board candidate filing period begins August 5 & ends at NOON, August 21, 2026



CANDIDATE CHALLENGES: CAN-1

File using the CAN-34/CAN-12 between May-June?

- Challenge period is May 19 to NOON, August 21
- CEB must determine outcome by NOON, September 4

File using the CAN-26/CAN-12 in August to be a write-in candidate?

- Challenge period is August 5 to NOON, August 28
- CEB must determine outcome by NOON, September 10

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL: CAN-24

File using the CAN-34/CAN-12 between May-June?

- Withdraw for any reason up to noon, July 15, 2026
- After noon, July 15, 2026, can withdraw for limited reasons (for example, death, move out of district, disqualification)

File using the CAN-26/CAN-12 in August to be a write-in candidate?

- Withdraw for any reason up to NOON, August 24
- After noon, August 24, can withdraw for limited reasons (for example, death, move out of district, disqualification)

CAN-1 may be filed by any voter of the election district OR a D or R county party chair within the election district.

Must be “original” wet signature, so CAN-1 must be mailed or hand-delivered.

Challenge is based on candidate’s qualifications to run and hold school board seat OR if a candidate disputes a rejected signature.

NEW! If running as a D/R, can be challenged for primary vote history requirement not being met.

A decorative graphic on the left side of the slide features several pens in various colors (blue, yellow, pink, light blue, purple, black, green) arranged diagonally. On the right side, there is a vertical purple line and a horizontal purple line intersecting to form a crosshair.

Ballot Placement & Election Certification

Vote for Only One | Voter for More Than One
Straight Party Voting | Certifying Results

Office Order Placement

- School Board seats appear after all “partisan” elected offices
 - Near the end of the ballot but before any judicial retention question
- Office Order
 - First: At-large school board seats
 - Second: District school board seats
 - If multiple district seats are on the same ballot, list A-Z or 1-100, depending on whether districts use a number or letter designation
- **NEW!** School board candidates may affiliate with a political party (D/R/L/minor party), run as an Independent or leave the field “blank”
 - School board offices have no limits on the number of candidates who affiliate with a party
 - This means you may have 3 Ds, 4Rs, 10 Independents running for a school board “vote for 1” office

Straight Party Device DOES NOT apply to school board races!

Candidate Groupings

1 **First Tier:** Grouped by political party (D/R/L)

- D/R ordered determined by which SOS candidate won the county in 2022
- Ls , if any, come third in every county (in 2022 SOS race, the only other party with a candidate on the ballot was the Libertarian Party)
 - Within each distinct party grouping, candidates are listed alphabetically by surname if there is more than one candidate

2 **Second Tier:** All minor party and Independent candidates

- Listed in order by date the CAN-34 was filed UNLESS there is more than one candidate who filed for a specific party or as an Independent candidate & then the party candidates are grouped and then listed alpha by surname within that grouping

Example: A Pink Party candidate files on 1/1/26, an Independent candidate files on 1/2/26, and another Pink Party candidate files on 1/3/26. Pink Party candidates are grouped together, since there is more than one candidate who filed as a member of that party. The county then lists the two Pink Party candidates alpha by surname within the Pink Party group. Next, the Independent candidate is listed.

3 **Third Tier:** All “unaffiliated” or “blank” candidates listed alphabetically by surname

- Does not matter when the CAN-34 petition was filed

4 **Fourth Tier:** Write-in line, if a write-in candidate filed to run for SB seat

- Remember, a write-in candidate’s name is NEVER printed on the ballot!

THIS IS A CRIME TO FALSIFY THIS BALLOT OR TO VIOLATE INDIANA ELECTION LAWS

OFFICIAL BALLOT GENERAL ELECTION
MARION COUNTY, INDIANA - NOVEMBER 5, 2024

CASTING A VOTE: To vote for the candidate of your choice, darken the oval (●) at the LEFT of the candidate's name. If you make a mistake, contact the election office for instructions. Do not attempt to change any marks made in error.

To vote on the public question, darken the oval (●) at the LEFT of the word "YES" or "NO".

WRITE-IN: To vote for a write-in candidate, write the name of the candidate on the line provided and darken the oval (●). A write-in vote will NOT be counted unless the vote is for a DECLARED write-in candidate.

SPLIT-TICKET VOTING: You may vote a straight party ticket by darkening the oval (●) to the left of ONE party choice and then by darkening the oval (●) for individual candidates of your choice in any other party OR you may darken the oval (●) to the left of your candidate choice in each office.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS: A ballot cast for the named candidates for President and Vice President of the United States is considered a ballot cast for the state of presidential electors and alternate presidential electors nominated by that political party or independent candidate.

JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS: If you wish to vote on a Judicial Retention Question, you must darken the oval (●) to the left of the word "YES" or "NO" following each question.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS	UNITED STATES SENATOR Vote For ONE (1) Only	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 99 Vote For ONE (1) Only
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to remove the state superintendent of public instruction from the list of officeholders who shall discharge the powers and duties of the governor if the office of the governor and lieutenant governor are both vacant?	☐ 2A VALERIE MCCRAY DEMOCRATIC PARTY	☐ 28A VANESSA J. SUMMERS DEMOCRATIC PARTY
☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ 2B JIM BANKS REPUBLICAN PARTY	☐ 28B FELIPE RIOS REPUBLICAN PARTY
	☐ 2C ANDREW HORNINGS LIBERTARIAN PARTY	MARION COUNTY TREASURER Vote For ONE (1) Only
	☐ Write-in	☐ 30A BARBARA LAWRENCE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
STRAIGHT PARTY	GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote For ONE (1) Only	☐ 30B RANDY WANDELL REPUBLICAN PARTY
(1) You are not required to vote a straight party ticket. If you do not wish to vote a straight ticket, do not make a mark in this section, and proceed to voting the ballot by office.	☐ 3A JENNIFER G. MCCORMICK and TERRY GOODIN DEMOCRATIC PARTY	MARION COUNTY CORONER Vote For ONE (1) Only
(2) To vote a straight party ticket for the party of your choice for all candidates on this ballot, except for candidates described in (3) below, darken the oval to the left of the party name and do not make any other marks on this ballot.	☐ 3B MIKE BRAUN and MICAH BECKWITH REPUBLICAN PARTY	☐ 31A ALFARENA (ALFIE) MCGINTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
(3) To vote for any candidate for an at-large office to which more than one (1) person may be elected, you must darken the oval for each candidate you wish to vote for. A straight party vote will not count as a vote for any candidate for that office.	☐ 3C DONALD RAINWATER and TONYA HUDSON LIBERTARIAN PARTY	MARION COUNTY SURVEYOR Vote For ONE (1) Only
(4) If you wish to vote for a candidate seeking a nonpartisan office or on a public question, you must darken the oval on the appropriate place on this ballot.	☐ Write-in	☐ 32A DEBRA S. JENKINS DEMOCRATIC PARTY
	ATTORNEY GENERAL Vote For ONE (1) Only	CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD DISTRICT 1 Vote For ONE (1) Only
☐ DEMOCRATIC PARTY 	☐ 4A DESTINY WELLS DEMOCRATIC PARTY	☐ 33A PHYLLIS A. CARR DEMOCRATIC PARTY
☐ REPUBLICAN PARTY 	☐ 4B TODD ROKITA REPUBLICAN PARTY	INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD AT LARGE Vote For ONE (1) Only
☐ LIBERTARIAN PARTY 	UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 7 Vote For ONE (1) Only	☐ 89 KENNETH ALLEN NONPARTISAN
☐ WE THE PEOPLE PARTY	☐ 6A ANDRÉ CARSON DEMOCRATIC PARTY	☐ 90 CARRIE L. HARRIS NONPARTISAN
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES Vote For ONE (1) Only	☐ 6B JOHN P. SCHMITZ REPUBLICAN PARTY	☐ 91 DEANDRA (DEE) THOMPSON NONPARTISAN
☐ 1A KAMALA D. HARRIS and TIM WALZ DEMOCRATIC PARTY	☐ 6C RUSTY JOHNSON LIBERTARIAN PARTY	
☐ 1B DONALD J. TRUMP and JD VANCE REPUBLICAN PARTY	☐ Write-in	
☐ 1C CHASE OLIVER and MIKE TER MAAT LIBERTARIAN PARTY	STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 33 Vote For ONE (1) Only	
☐ 1D ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. and NICOLE SHANAHAN WE THE PEOPLE PARTY	☐ 10A GREG TAYLOR DEMOCRATIC PARTY	
☐ Write-in		
		VOTE BOTH FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT
		CN001 ALL SPLITS

Sample Ballot
Marion County
2024 General Election
School Board Office is listed
after all of the other offices on
the ballot but before their
judicial retention questions

☐	33A PHYLLIS A. CARR DEMOCRATIC PARTY
☐	INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD AT LARGE Vote For ONE (1) Only
☐	89 KENNETH ALLEN NONPARTISAN
☐	90 CARRIE L. HARRIS NONPARTISAN
☐	91 DEANDRA (DEE) THOMPSON NONPARTISAN
☐	
☐	

JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS	JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS
INDIANA SUPREME COURT SHALL JUSTICE LORETTA H. RUSH BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE JENNIFER HARRISON BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
INDIANA SUPREME COURT SHALL JUSTICE MARK S. MASSA BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE AMY M. JONES BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
INDIANA SUPREME COURT SHALL JUSTICE DEREK READ MOLTER BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE JAMES A. JOVEN BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS FOURTH DISTRICT SHALL JUDGE RUDOLPH REGINALD PYLE III BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE MARIE L. KERN BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE LINDA E. BROWN BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE HELEN W. MARCHEL BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE JOHN CHAVIS BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE JEFFREY L. MARCHEL BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE STEPHEN R. CREASON BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE CHARLES F. MILLER BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE CHARNETTE D. GARNER BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE WILLIAM (BILL) NELSON BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE DANIELLE P. GAUGHAN BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE CYNTHIA L. OETJEN BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE AUCIA A. GOODEN BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE CLARK ROGERS BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO
MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE CLAYTON GRAHAM BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO	MARION SUPERIOR COURT SHALL JUDGE JOSE SALINAS BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

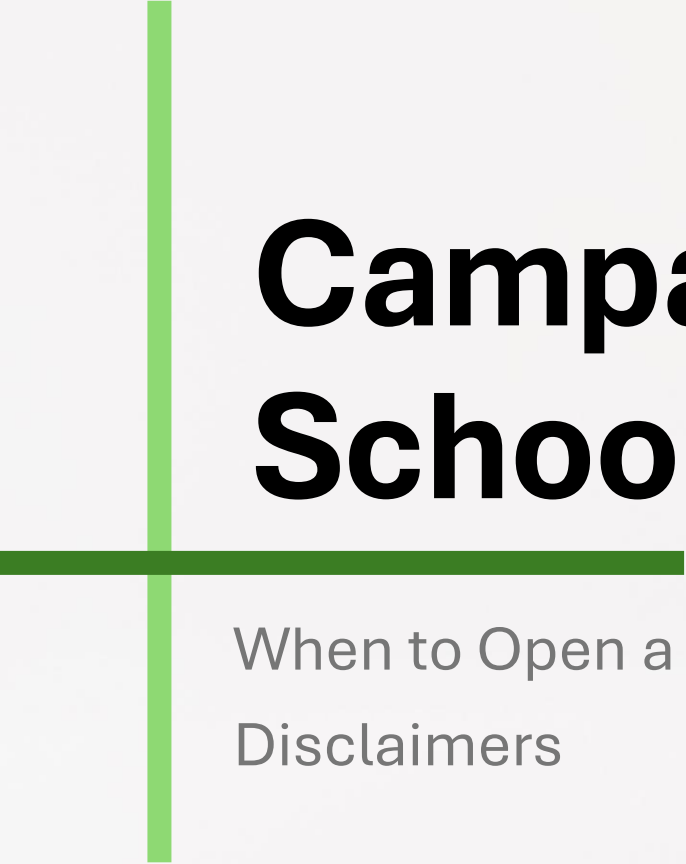

Clerks' Initials

Katherine Swearingen Boice

CN001 ALL SPLITS

Tabulation & Certification

- Votes for all school board offices are tabulated and canvassed list any other partisan elected office
- Circuit court clerks certify final results to IED through SVRS
 - Final results for each school board office are populated on CEB-25
- School board district located only in one county:
 - Circuit court clerk may issue certificate of election to elected school board members not earlier than noon, November 20
- School board district located in more than one county:
 - Circuit court clerk in county with greatest percentage of school board district's population obtains final and certified election results from other clerks in counties where election district is located
 - Clerk tabulates the vote totals cast for each county in each county
 - This can be done using reports in SVRS that calculate the total results
 - Clerk issues certificate of election to winning candidate(s), not earlier than noon, November 20



Campaign Finance & School Board Candidates

When to Open a Committee | Campaign Finance Reporting Schedule
Disclaimers

WHEN TO OPEN A CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE (CFA-1)

CFA & School Board Candidates

- Only required to establish a candidate's committee when you raise or spend more than \$500 (that is, \$500.01) toward running for a school board office
 - Filed with the CEB not later than noon, 10 days after exceeding this threshold
 - Unlike other offices, the act of filing a CAN-34 (or CAN-26) for school board office does not automatically require a school board candidate to open a committee

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE OR EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE (CFA-1)
State Form 4804 (R15 / 5-15)
Indiana Election Division (IC 3-9-1-3; IC 3-9-1-4; IC 3-9-1-5)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLACK INK. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE.

FILE NUMBER

1. IS THIS AN AMENDMENT? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please enter the file number in this box: →

SECTION A. CANDIDATE INFORMATION: Fill in all applicable boxes as fully and accurately as possible.

2. Last Name First Name Middle Name Nickname 3. Type of Committee (Check one)
☐ Candidate's Principal Committee
☐ Exploratory Committee

4. Mailing Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 5. FAX (Optional) 6. E-mail Address (Optional)

7. City State IN ZIP Code 8. County 9. Telephone (Day) 10. Telephone (Evening)

11. Party Affiliation ☐ Democratic ☐ Libertarian ☐ Republican ☐ Other 12. Office Sought (include district number, if any. Not required for an exploratory committee.)

SECTION B. COMMITTEE INFORMATION: Fill in all applicable boxes as fully and accurately as possible.

13. Full Name of Committee (Do not abbreviate.) ☐ Check if this is a new name.

14. Mailing Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) ☐ Check if this is a new address. 15. FAX (Optional) 16. E-mail Address (Optional)

17. City State ZIP Code 18. County 19. Telephone 20. Committee Organization Date (month/day)

21. Chairperson's Full Name ☐ Designate Candidate as Chairperson. ☐ Check if this is a new chairperson.

22. Mailing Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) ☐ Check if this is a new address. 23. FAX (Optional) 24. E-mail Address (Optional)

25. City State ZIP Code 26. County 27. Telephone (Day) 28. Telephone (Evening)

29. Bank or Other Depositories (List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.)

30. Exploratory Committee (Give brief statement explaining purpose of an exploratory committee only.) 31. Salaries and Reimbursements (Will the committee pay the candidate a salary or reimbursement for lost wages? If Yes, attach a copy of the contract.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION C. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER (IC 3-9-1-14)

32. I, as Chairperson of the foregoing committee, appoint the following person as Treasurer of the Committee. Person Appointed Treasurer Signature of the Committee Chairperson

33. Treasurer's Full Name ☐ Designate candidate as treasurer. ☐ Check if this is a new treasurer.

34. Mailing Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) ☐ Check if this is a new address. 35. FAX (Optional) 36. E-mail Address (Optional)

37. City State ZIP Code 38. County 39. Telephone (Day) 40. Telephone (Evening)

SECTION D. ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT (IC 3-9-1-15)

41. I give notice that I accept the duties and responsibilities of Treasurer of this Committee. I am not the chairperson of a campaign finance committee (except as permitted for a candidate committee under IC 3-9-1-7). Signature of Person Accepting Appointment

SECTION E. CERTIFICATION OF STATEMENT

We certify as the candidate and the duly appointed Chairperson of the Committee and that we have examined this statement. To the best of our knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

42. Typed or Printed Name of Chairperson Signature of Chairperson Date (month/day)

43. Typed or Printed Name of Candidate Signature of Candidate Date (month/day)

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Warning: State law requires that any change in this information be reported within ten (10) days of the change (IC 3-9-1-10). A person who knowingly files a fraudulent report commits a Level 6 D felony (IC 3-16-1-13). A person who fails to file a complete or accurate report as required by the Indiana Campaign Finance Law commits a Class B misdemeanor (IC 3-14-1-14), and may be subject to civil penalties (IC 3-9-4-16, IC 3-9-4-17, and IC 3-9-4-18).

FILING CFA-4 FORMS

- If a school board candidate opens a committee in 2026, then follow the reporting schedule for the remainder of the year
- If opening a committee on or before Oct. 9, 2026, then Pre-General Report is due by noon, Oct. 16, 2026
 - Reporting period is date committee opened through Oct. 9, 2026
- If opening a committee after Oct. 9, 2026, the Annual Report is due by noon, January 20, 2027
 - Reporting period is date committee opened through Dec. 31, 2026
- If you are elected in 2026, then your committee must remain open until such a time you no longer hold office
 - This requires filing a CFA-4 Annual Report each JANUARY

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE State Form 4606 (R18 / 6-26) Indiana Election Division (IC 3-9-5-14)		(CFA-4) Summary Sheet	
INSTRUCTIONS: Please type or print legibly IN BLACK INK all information on this form. For assistance in completing this form, see instructions on the reverse side.		FILE NUMBER	
IS THIS AN AMENDMENT? ☐ Yes ☐ No		TOTAL PAGES IN ENTIRE CFA-4 REPORT	
COMMITTEE INFORMATION			
1. Full Name of Committee (as on Statement of Organization) ☐ Check if this is a new name.		3. Committee Telephone Number	
2. Acronym or Abbreviated Name (if any)		()	
4. Mailing Address (Address where all campaign finance correspondence is received.) ☐ Check if this is a new address.		6. Party Affiliation (if applicable)	
5. City, State, ZIP Code		8. Party Affiliation or if Independent Candidate	
CANDIDATE INFORMATION (For Candidate's Committees Only)			
7. Full Name of Candidate (Include any nickname.)		10. County of Residence	
9. Office Sought (Include district number, if any. Not required for exploratory committee.)			
TYPE OF REPORT		CONVENTION CANDIDATES ONLY	
11. Check one: ☐ Pre-Primary ☐ Pre-Election ☐ Annual ☐ Nomination ☐ Other ☐ Final / Disbands Committee (Lines 16, 18, and 20 must be "0") ☐ Outgoing Treasurer (Within ten (10) days amend Statement of Organization.)		Check one: ☐ Pre-Convention ☐ Post-Convention	
12. Reporting Period (mm/dd/yyyy): From: Through:		COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Year to Date
13. Cash on hand and investments at the beginning of this reporting period.			
14. Cash on hand and investments January 1, current year.			
CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECEIPTS (Note: these amounts include in-kind contributions and loans, as well as cash contributions.)			
15a. Itemized (Use Schedule A.)			
15b. Unitemized			
15c. Add lines 15a and 15b in both columns. SUBTOTAL			
16. Add lines 13 and 15c in Column A and lines 14 and 15c in Column B. TOTAL			
EXPENDITURES (Note: These amounts include in-kind expenditures and loan repayments.)			
17a. Itemized (Use Schedule B.) (Public Question: use Schedule C.)			
17b. Unitemized			
17c. Add lines 17a and 17b in both columns. SUBTOTAL			
18. Cash on hand and investments at close of this reporting period (Subtract 17c from 16 in both columns.) TOTAL			
19. Debts OWED BY the committee (Use Schedule D.)			
20. Debts OWED TO the committee (Use Schedule E.)			
CERTIFICATION		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THIS STATEMENT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IT IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.			
If a Treasurer of a PAC: I have not knowingly or willfully received, solicited, or accepted, either directly or indirectly, contributions or expenditures from a foreign national that exceeds \$50,000 within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of the contribution. ☐ (www.iaweb.org)			
Signature of Treasurer		Title	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Signature of Candidate (if applicable)			Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
WARNING: Any information contained in this report may not be copied for sale or used for any commercial purpose. (IC 3-9-4-5) A person who knowingly files a fraudulent report commits a Level 4 felony. (IC 3-14-1-3) A person who fails to file a complete or accurate report as required by the Indiana Campaign Finance Law commits a Class B misdemeanor. (IC 3-14-1-14) and may be subject to civil penalties. (IC 3-9-4-16, IC 3-9-4-17, IC 3-9-4-18)			

FILING CFA-11 FORMS

- If a school board candidate has an OPEN committee & receives a contribution of \$1000 or more, lump sum or aggregate from a single source, then CFA-11 report is required
- ONLY filed by a candidate's committee during specific window of time before the pre-primary or pre-general report
 - For Nov. election, CFA-11 window is between Oct. 10 and Nov, 1, 2026
- Must be filed with CEB not later than 48-hours after receiving & accepting a contribution
 - Contribution can be direct (cash, check, credit card) or in-kind (good or service in lieu of direct contribution) or a loan made to the committee

**SUPPLEMENTAL "LARGE CONTRIBUTION" REPORT
BY A CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE
(\$1,000 CONTRIBUTIONS OR MORE)**
(State Form 48492 (R8 / 6-25)
Indiana Election Division (IC 3-9-5-20.1; 3-9-5-22))

(CFA-11)

INSTRUCTIONS: Only candidates receiving a "large contribution" are required to file this report. Please type or print legibly IN BLACK INK all information on this form. For assistance in completing this form, see instructions on the reverse side.

IS THIS AN AMENDMENT? ☐ Yes ☐ No

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Full Name of Candidate (include any nickname.) ☐ Check if this is a new name. 2. Committee Telephone Number
()

3. Mailing Address (Address where all campaign finance correspondence is received.) ☐ Check if this is a new address.

4. City State ZIP Code 5. Party Affiliation or if Independent Candidate

6. Office Sought (Include district number, if any. Not required for exploratory committee.) 7. County of Residence

8. Reporting Period (mm/dd/yy):
From: Through:

For classification, enter INDV for individual; PAC for political action committee; CORP for corporation; LAB for labor organization; OTHER for all entries which are not one of the above categories.

CONTRIBUTOR'S FULL NAME AND OCCUPATION FULL MAILING ADDRESS (street, number, city, state, ZIP code)	TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION OR OTHER RECEIPT	COLUMN A AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION	DATE RECEIVED & ACCEPTED (mm/dd/yy)
Classification 1. Contributor's Occupation (if applicable)	Contributions: ☐ Direct ☐ In-Kind (describe) Other Receipts: ☐ Interest ☐ Loan ☐ Miscellaneous (specify)		
Classification 2. Contributor's Occupation (if applicable)	Contributions: ☐ Direct ☐ In-Kind (describe) Other Receipts: ☐ Interest ☐ Loan ☐ Miscellaneous (specify)		
Classification 3. Contributor's Occupation (if applicable)	Contributions: ☐ Direct ☐ In-Kind (describe) Other Receipts: ☐ Interest ☐ Loan ☐ Miscellaneous (specify)		

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THIS STATEMENT. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IT IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Signature of Treasurer Title Date (mm/dd/yy)

Signature of Candidate (if applicable) Date (mm/dd/yy)

Warning: Any information contained in this report may not be copied for sale or used for any commercial purpose. (IC 3-9-4-6) A person who knowingly files a fraudulent report commits a Level 6 felony. (IC 3-14-1-13) A person who fails to file a complete or accurate report as required by the Indiana Campaign Finance Law commits a Class B misdemeanor (IC 3-14-1-14), and may be subject to civil penalties. (IC 3-9-4-15, IC 3-9-4-17, and IC 3-9-4-18)

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TOTAL PAGES IN ENTIRE CFA-11 REPORT

All OPEN committees are responsible for TIMELY FILING campaign finance reports, according to the state's schedule, UNTIL the committee is eligible to file a final/disbands report.

NEW! ALL elected officeholders must maintain an open campaign finance committee until they no longer hold elected office and are no longer a candidate.
(IC 3-5-2.1-16(b))



DISCLAIMERS

Must be included on printed communications that express the support or defeat of a clearly identified candidate (not radio, television, website, or emails)

- **“Paid for by Smith for School Board.”**

The “authorized by” language must be included when another entity is coordinating with the candidate’s committee

- **“YES” on coordination? “Paid for by the Cardinal County Democratic Party and authorized by Smith for School Board”**
- **“NO” on coordination? “Paid for by the Cardinal County Democratic Party and not authorized by any candidate or candidate’s committee.”**

OTHER DISCLAIMERS

Using social media ads?

- Federal Election Commission (FEC) is your best resource, even if not running for federal office

Thinking about placing a newspaper or TV ad?

- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is your best resource

Planning on using robo-calls?

- Indiana Attorney General is your best resource
 - Check out the AGs website as it contains helpful information

Sending out absentee mailings?

- Do not forget about the additional disclaimer requirements that indicate the name & mailing address of the entity sending out the communication AND that the mailing is unsolicited & not sent by a state or county party official
 - *2026 Campaign Finance Manual* includes the ABS disclaimer details

CAMPAIGN FINANCE RESOURCES

2026 Indiana Campaign Finance Manual

- Found at in.gov/sos/elections (Election Administrator's Portal) at [Campaignfinance.in.gov](https://campaignfinance.in.gov)

Website: [Campaignfinance.in.gov](https://campaignfinance.in.gov)

- Forms & Resources
- Information on committees required to file with state (IED)

Email: Campaignfinance@iec.in.gov

- Directed to campaign finance staff (Abbey Taylor & Michelle Thompson)



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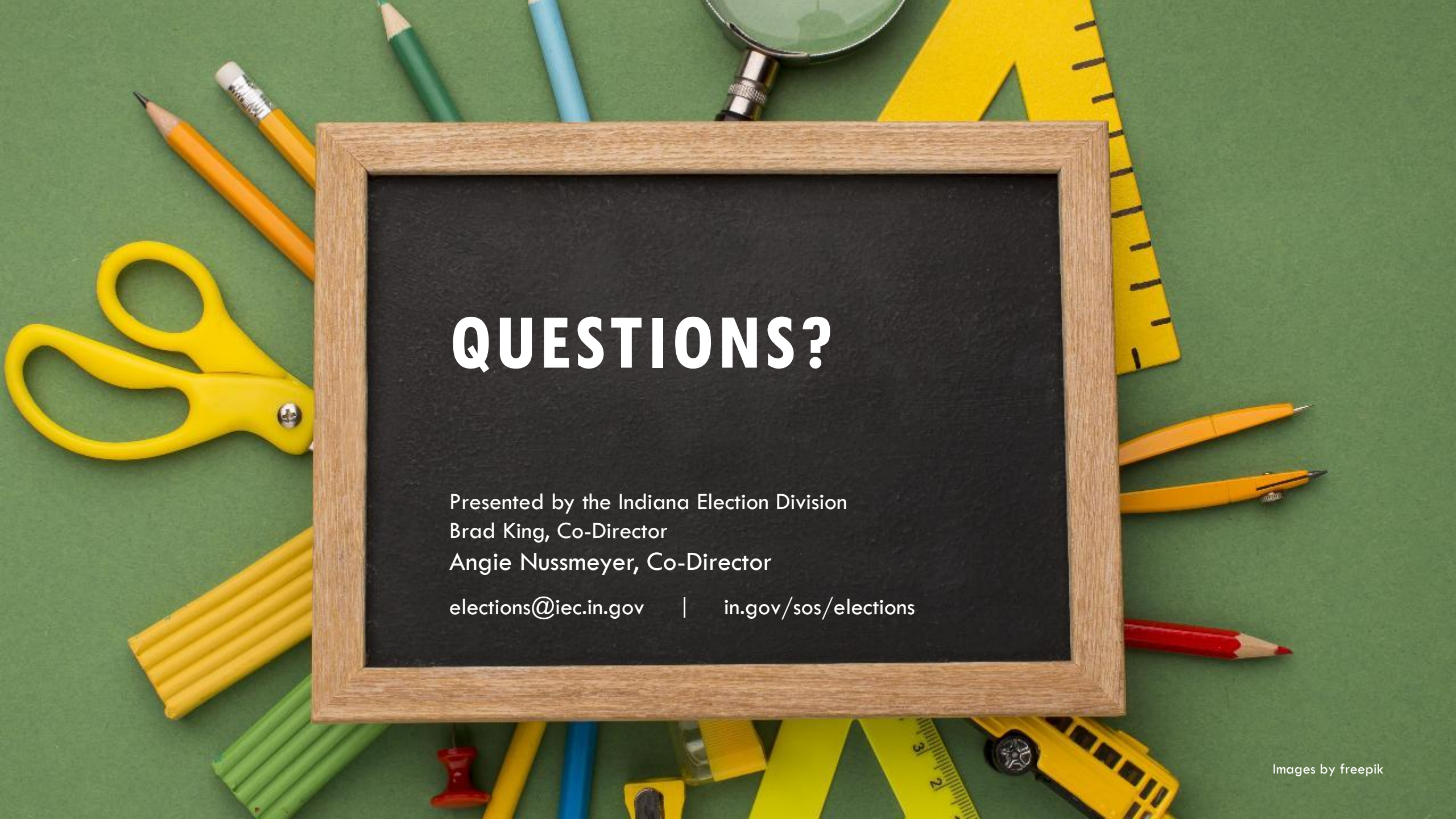
FILLING A SCHOOL BOARD ELECTED OFFICE VACANCY BEGINNING IN 2027

- D/R party will fill any school board vacancy created when a candidate elected as a D/R vacates their seat
 - Follow procedures in IC 3-13-11, generally
- Current school board members fill a school board vacancy if person was elected as a minor party or Independent candidate, or did not affiliate

HOLDOVERS

“Holdover” in office if not enough candidates elected (Article 15, Section 3 of Indiana Constitution)

- Example 1: Vote for 1 seat where no one filed to run; incumbent holds over for a new term
- Example 2: Vote for 3 seat where one incumbent filed to run again, one non-incumbent filed; and no one filed to run in the third seat. School board determines which of the two incumbents holds over for a new term.

A wooden-framed chalkboard is centered on a green background. Surrounding the chalkboard are various school supplies: yellow scissors, several pencils in orange, green, blue, and red, a yellow ruler, a magnifying glass, a yellow pencil sharpener, and a yellow school bus. The word "QUESTIONS?" is written in white on the chalkboard.

QUESTIONS?

Presented by the Indiana Election Division

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