



# 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 3-8-1-2. 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.					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	
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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'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.)


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.**

		Subscribed and sworn to before this _____ day of _____, 2026.	
Signature		Date Signed	
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):	
<b>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.</b>		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:	Number of Valid Signatures:
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.			Signature 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Circuit Court or <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Board of Registration (D)	
			Signature 2, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> 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, 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.