



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

(CAN-34)

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

COUNTY: HOWARD

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.

TO THE HOWARD 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.

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)).

AT-LARGE NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL BOARD

First Designation

Second Designation

Third Designation

Fourth Designation

Suffix

Name of School Corporation and District, if Applicable

PARTY AFFILIATION

TLO

DAYTON

MERRILL

REPUBLICAN

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.

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.

Table with 10 rows of candidate information including signature, printed name, date of birth, residence address, city/zip, and party affiliation.

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.

JUN 17 2026

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CARRIER'S SIGNATURE

CARRIER'S PRINTED NAME

CARRIER'S DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, year)

DATE SIGNED BY CARRIER (month, day, year)

DEBBIE STEWART

CARRIER'S FULL ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)

Clerk Howard Cir. Court

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.



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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

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
TED	DAYTON	MERRELL		

### OFFICE SOUGHT

At-Large  
Northwestern School Board  
Name of School Corporation and District, if Applicable

### PARTY AFFILIATION

Republican

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		DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YYYY	RESIDENCE ADDRESS (No P.O. Boxes)			CITY or TOWN and ZIP CODE	Office Use Only	
		First	Last		Number	Street	Apartment		REG (Y/N)	PCT/ WARD
1	<i>Steve Wallace</i>	Steve	Wallace	7/15/67	5725N	900W		Kokomo 46901	Y	EPWIN A
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CARRIER'S SIGNATURE

CARRIER'S PRINTED NAME

CARRIER'S DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
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 clerk of the county where the election is held.

CANDIDATE'S CONSENT

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I, the undersigned, am a candidate for the office of school board member of NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL BOARD (AT-LARGE)

JUN 17 2026

My residence address is 8577 WEST 500 NORTH, Kokomo, IN 46901

DEBBIE STEWART
Clerk Howard Cir. Court

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.

Signature: Ted Merrell, Date Signed: 6-17-2026, Subscribed and sworn to before this 17th day of June, 2026. Notary Public Seal for Linda L. Hall, Cass County - State of Indiana, Commission Number NP0672989, My Commission Expires Sep 15, 2031. Signature of Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath according to IC 33-42-0-7. My Commission Expires (applies only to Notary Public): 9/15/31

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: Cass

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: DATE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED (month, day, year) 20

ASSISTER'S SIGNATURE ASSISTER'S PRINTED NAME ASSISTER'S ADDRESS (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)

COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE CERTIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: County Name, Number of Valid Signatures, County Name, Number of Valid Signatures, County Name, Number of Valid Signatures. Row 1: HOWARD, 10, County Name, Number of Valid Signatures.

Witness my/our hand and seal this 17th day of June, 2026, at Kokomo, Indiana. COUNTY SEAL. Signature 1: Susan Kennedy, Signature 2, if applicable: Debbie Stewart. Clerk of the Circuit Court or 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 can not indicate a title or degree such as MD or JD.



STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS FOR LOCAL AND SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

State Form 55128 (R / 8-19) Indiana Election Division (IC 3-8-9)

(CAN-12)

INSTRUCTIONS: This statement must be filed with a candidate's: (1) declaration of candidacy for nomination at a primary or town party convention; (2) certificate of nomination by a Libertarian Party convention; (3) petition of nomination as a school board candidate; (4) petition of nomination as a minor party or independent candidate; (5) declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate; or (6) certificate of candidate selection to fill an early or late vacancy on a general or municipal election ballot. This statement must also be filed no later than noon 60 days after an individual assumes a vacant local office. NOTE: A candidate who files a petition of nomination for an office in a county that has a separate voter registration board from the circuit court clerk's office must file this statement with the petition of nomination after the petition has been certified by the voter registration board and when it is presented for filing with the office described in IC 3-8-2-6.

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF HOWARD

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INFORMATION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEFORE THE DATE OF THIS FILING:

2026

JUN 17 2026

NOTE: Insert "Not Applicable" where appropriate.

I, TED DAYTON MERRELL the undersigned, certify the following: DEBBIE STEWART Clerk Howard Cir. Court

(1) The elected office which I seek as a candidate, or to which I have been appointed to fill a vacancy is NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL BOARD (Include district, if applicable.)

(2) The name of my spouse was JEAN MERRELL

(3) The name of my employer and the nature of its business was MERRELL BROS. INC. ENVIRONMENTAL

(4) The name of the employer of my spouse and the nature of its business was N/A MERRELL BROS.

(5) If I owned a sole proprietorship, the name of the sole proprietorship and the nature of its business was MERRELL BROS.

(6) If I operated a professional practice, the name of the professional practice and the nature of its business was N/A

(7) If I was a member of a partnership, the name of the partnership and the nature of its business was MERRELL BROS LLC CONSTRUCTION

(8) If my spouse was a member of a partnership, the name of the partnership and the nature of its business was N/A

(9) If I was a member of a limited liability company, the name of the limited liability company and the nature of its business was MERRELL BROS. LLC CONSTRUCTION

(10) If my spouse was a member of a limited liability company, the name of the limited liability company and the nature of its business was N/A

(11) If I was an officer or a director of a corporation (other than a church), the name of the corporation and the nature of its business was MERRELL BROS. ENVIRONMENTAL

(12) If my spouse was an officer or a director of a corporation (other than a church), the name of the corporation and the nature of its business was MERRELL BROS. ENVIRONMENTAL

COMPLETE THE AFFIRMATION ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

I, the undersigned, affirm that the information set forth on this Statement of Economic Interests is true and complete.

Signed, this the 17 day of JUNE, 2026

T. L. Merrill

Signature

TED MERRILL

Printed Name

STATE OF Indiana

COUNTY OF Howard

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 17th day of June, 2026

Linda L Hall

Notary Public or Other Official Administering Oath

My Commission expires (applies only to Notary Public): 9/15/31

County of Residence: Cass

