Jackson Public Schools

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Community Announcement

Open School Board Position – Jackson Public Schools

Jackson Public Schools announces a vacancy on the Board of Education due to the resignation of Derek Dobies effective November 30, 2026.

In accordance with Board Policy po0142.5, the Board must appoint a replacement within 30 days, no later than December 30, 2026. This is a two year term limit ending December 31, 2028.

Qualifications to Serve as a School Board Member in Michigan

To be eligible for appointment, candidates must meet the State of Michigan requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a resident of the Jackson Public Schools district
- Be a registered voter in the district
- Have no felony convictions involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or breach of public trust within the past 20 years
- Not be currently employed by Jackson Public Schools

Application Process & Timeline

December 3, 2026 – Deadline to Apply

All interested individuals must submit a letter of interest with email address, phone number and an optional résumé by 4:00 p.m. Candidates will be given a set of questions to answer that will be due December 9, 2026.

Please send materials to:

Sarah Ebersole

District Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Sarah.Ebersole@jpsk12.org

December 15, 2026 – Candidate Interviews

The Board of Education will conduct interviews with selected eligible candidates during the regularly scheduled public JPS School Board meeting on December 15 2026. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. All candidates are expected to be present and prepared when their name is called for their interview. This is a public meeting, and community members are welcome to attend.

December 30, 2026 – Candidate Selection Board Deliberation

The Board of Education will deliberate candidate interviews and make formal appointment selection no later than December 30, 2026. The selected candidate will be notified via email and phone.

January 19, 2026 – Seating of New Board Member

The newly appointed Board member will participate in their first regular meeting.
