



THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Announcement of Vacancy on the State Board of Education

State Board of Education is seeking candidates for a vacant position on the 16-member Board.

What: Vacancy on State Board of Education

Application Opening: January 10

Application Close Date: February 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Interviews: Scheduled for February 23 in the Eastern Washington Region

The vacancy was created by the resignation of an elected Board member and will be filled by appointment of a new member. This appointment will fill the remainder of an existing term which will expire in January 2018. At the conclusion of the term, the selected candidate will be eligible to run for election to retain the seat.

This position is Seat 2 in the Eastern Washington Region. Applicants must maintain residence in Eastern Washington. The Eastern Washington Region is

comprised of the following counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima. [According to WAC 392-109-045 (5)]

- Applications accepted until February 10.
- The application can be found at the following link: sbe.wa.gov
- Applications should be submitted to Denise Ross at denise.ross@k12.wa.us
- If you have questions, please contact Denise Ross at (360) 725-6027

About the State Board of Education:

The State Board of Education is one of the oldest institutions of Washington State government. It has operated continuously since 1877, when it was created by the Legislature of the Territory of Washington.

The purpose of the Washington State Board of Education is to provide advocacy and strategic oversight of public education; implement a standards-based accountability system to improve student academic achievement; provide leadership in the creation of a system that personalizes education for each student and respects diverse cultures, abilities, and learning styles; and promote achievement of the Basic Education Act goals of RCW 28A.150.210.



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SBE Vacancy – Frequently Asked Questions

Is it possible for a person to serve on the State Board of Education and a local School Board at the same time?

No, not in this open position, which is elected. RCW 28A.305.021 says that "No member of a board of directors of a local school district or private school may continue to serve in that capacity after having been elected to the state board."

Can a school district employee serve on the State Board of Education in an elected position?

No, not in this open position, which is elected. According to subsection (5) of RCW28A.305.021, no person employed in any public or private school, college, university, or other educational institution or any educational service district superintendent's office or in the office of the superintendent of public instruction is eligible for membership on the State Board of Education.

After the selected candidate is approved by the Board, what would be the person's official first meeting as a voting board member?

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The announcement says this appointed position is to serve out the remainder of an existing term until 2018, at which point the person would need to run for election to stay on the Board. What is the timeline of the next election cycle?

The timelines are set by OSPI's Administrative Resource Services. For more information regarding Board elections visit this web page:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/ProfPractices/adminresources/SBElections.aspx>.

Or contact Kristin Murphy at 360.725.6613 or Kristin.murphy@k12.wa.us.

After the initial term is up, who elects the successor to this position?

The voters are sitting board members representing districts in the Eastern Washington Region. Refer to RCW 28A.305.021.

What compensation and travel reimbursement is offered as a board member?

All members receive travel reimbursement when conducting official state business for the State Board of Education. A stipend is offered to eligible members for each day attending an SBE board meeting. Public employees are not eligible to receive compensation per RCW 28A.305.011.



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Application for SBE Membership Pertaining to 2017 Region 2 Vacancy

Last Name				First		M.I.		Date		
Street Address										
City				State			ZIP			
Home Phone			Cell Phone			E-mail				
							Social Security No.			
Are you a U.S. Citizen?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>		If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been a member of a school board?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>		If so, when?				
Have you ever been convicted of a felony against children or young adults?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>		If yes, explain.				

Please list three references.

Full Name		Relationship	
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Preliminary Questions

1. Thank you for applying to be a member of the State Board of Education. Please tell us why you wish to serve on the Board.

2. The State Board of Education operates primarily as a policy board. What experience do you have working on education policy issues?

3. What would you do to improve education in Washington as a member of the State Board?
(500 Word Limit)



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Please submit application materials (via email) **no later than February 10** to:

Ms. Denise Ross
Denise.ross@k12.wa.us
360-725-6027

You may optionally attach a resume, curriculum vitae, or biographical sketch to your application.

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to appointment to the Board, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature

Date