

# 2017 Election Timeline

## State Board of Education (SBE) and Educational Service Districts (ESDs)

*Elections administered by OSPI – Administrative Resource Services*

DATE	EVENT
August 25, 2017	<b>Call of Election</b> (Election notice, declaration candidacy form available, election timeline).
September 1 – 16, 2017	<b><u>Candidate Filing Period.</u></b> Declaration of Candidacy forms can be filed September 1 to September 16. <b>If mailing, must be postmarked on or before September 16, 2017.</b> Forms delivered in person must be RECEIVED at OSPI by <b>Friday, September 15, 2017, 5:00pm.</b>  Candidates may also submit an optional candidate statement and a photo. Statements and photos are due no later than <b>September 18, 2017, 5:00pm.</b> Statements (up to 300 words) and photos may be submitted via email.
September 21, 2017	<b>Withdrawal of Candidacy deadline by 5:00pm.</b> Candidates wishing to withdraw their candidacy must do so in writing by 5:00pm on September 21, 2017. Written withdrawals must be received by OSPI – Administrative Resources by this date.
October 1, 2017	<b>Ballots mailed to electors.</b> Voting will be by mail and ballots must be post-marked on or before <b>October 16, 2017.</b>
October 16, 2017	<b><u>Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before October 16, 2017.</u></b> Voted ballots may be postal mailed to OSPI. If hand-delivered, must be to OSPI by 5:00pm on October 16.
October 24, 2017	<b>Ballots will be counted at OSPI</b>
October 27, 2017	<b>Report and Certification of Election</b>
November, 2017	<b>Run-Off Election</b> ( <i>tentative: ballots mailed Nov. 1, due/postmark Nov. 16, count Nov. 27, certify by Dec. 7</i> )
January, 2017	<b>Term Begins</b>

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