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**Subject:** Oakland Schools Board of Education 2026 Election  
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External Message

Good morning Superintendents and Executive Assistants,

An election for one (1) six-year term on the Oakland Schools Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026. The documents listed below are attached and contain important information regarding the election process.

1. Election Agenda
2. Candidate Guidelines
3. Election notification letter
4. Election timeline
5. MCL 380.614 Revised School Code
6. Sample Resolution

Once Oakland Schools receives the list of candidates from the County Clerk's office, the information will be emailed to you to share with your Board Trustees. If you have questions regarding this process, feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

**Nicole Christian**  
Senior Executive Assistant  
to the Superintendent &  
Board of Education

**O:** 248.209.2123

2111 Pontiac Lake Rd.  
Waterford, MI 48328



March 11, 2026

Dear Local District Board Secretary:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that an election for one (1) six-year term on the Oakland Schools Board of Education will be held on **Monday, June 1, 2026**.

Oakland Schools board members are elected by an electoral body composed of one (1) person designated by the board of each constituent school district. The Revised School Code prescribes that each constituent school district board must designate a representative to this electoral body by adopting a resolution which:

- a. Designates the person to vote in the election on behalf of the local district board;
- b. Directs the designee which candidate the board supports for each position to be filled; and
- c. Directs the designee to vote for those individuals, at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body.

Designated electors must cast their ballots **in person** at the election scheduled to take place between 5:30–7:30 PM on Monday, June 1, 2026 in the Oakland Schools Conference Center located at 2111 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. **The revised ISD election law prohibits the acceptance of absentee ballots.**

Should a tie vote occur, it will be necessary for your district's Designate or Alternate to cast a second and subsequent ballot in person at Oakland Schools (Agenda Item J). The timeframe to cast a second and subsequent ballot will be open for one hour after the *Announcement of the Election Results* (Agenda Item I). It is highly recommended that your district's Designate or Alternate remain present at the Board Election through the *Announcement of the Election Results*. Please note that only the districts whose Designate or Alternate appear in person to cast a second vote, and subsequent rounds of voting, will be counted toward the tally of tiebreaking results. A district's ballot from the first round of voting or the supplied Resolution will not count toward a second, or subsequent, round of voting. The re-voting process will continue until the candidate with the greatest number of votes is elected.

After your board has adopted its resolution as prescribed, please provide a copy of the resolution to the Oakland Schools Superintendent's office **by 4 PM Friday, May 29, 2026** via fax at 248.209.2206 or email at [Nicole.Christian@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:Nicole.Christian@oakland.k12.mi.us). This will enable us to compile a list of district designees prior to the election date.

**Please note that no approved resolutions shall be accepted after this time/date. If the resolution is not filed, the constituent district will be unable to cast a vote during the June 1 election.**



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Telephone: 248.209.2000  
[www.oakland.k12.mi.us](http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us)

Enclosed is a copy of the 2026 Election Timeline, Revised School Code, the Agenda for the June 1 Biennial Election, Candidate Nominating Guidelines provided by the Oakland County Elections Division, and a sample resolution to designate your district's representative(s) and selection of candidate(s).

If you have any questions regarding the ISD board election legislation or the ISD board election process, please contact Sherry McMillan at 248.209.2062 or by email at [Sherry.McMillan@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:Sherry.McMillan@oakland.k12.mi.us).

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Finkelstein', written over a horizontal line.

Carol Finkelstein, Secretary  
Oakland Schools Board of Education

Encl

CC: District Superintendent

**THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1976**

**380.614 Board; election of members; resolution; notice of meeting; acting chairperson and secretary; open meeting; term; vacancy; nominating petition; signatures; filing petition and affidavit; ballots; filing fee.**

Sec. 614. (1) Except as provided in section 615 and subject to section 642c of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.642c, the members of the intermediate school board shall be elected biennially on the first Monday in June by an electoral body composed of 1 person designated by the board of each constituent school district.

(2) The board of a constituent district shall designate its representative to this electoral body by resolution adopted not earlier than 21 days before the date of this biennial election. The board shall consider the resolution at not less than 1 public meeting before adopting the resolution. The resolution shall be adopted by majority vote of the members serving on the board. In its resolution designating its representative, the board of a constituent district shall identify the candidate the board supports for each position to be filled on the intermediate school board and shall direct its representative to vote for that individual or individuals at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body. The secretary of the intermediate school board shall send a notice by certified mail of the hour and place of the meeting of the electoral body described in subsection (1) to the secretary of the board of each constituent school district at least 10 days before the meeting. The president and secretary of the intermediate school board shall act as chairperson and secretary at the meeting. The meeting of the electoral body shall be an open meeting conducted in the manner prescribed under the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(3) Except as provided in section 703, the term of office of each member elected to the intermediate school board is 6 years and begins on July 1 following election. Not more than 2 members of the intermediate school board shall be from the same school district unless there are fewer districts than there are positions to be filled.

(4) A vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the intermediate school board until the next biennial election at which time the vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term. Notice of the vacancy shall be filed with the state board within 5 days after the vacancy occurs. If the vacancy is not filled within 30 days after it occurs, the vacancy shall be filled by the state board.

(5) Subject to subsection (7), a candidate for election to the intermediate school board shall be nominated by petitions that are signed by a number of school electors of the combined constituent school districts of the intermediate school district, as follows:

(a) If the population of the intermediate school district is less than 10,000 according to the most recent federal census, a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 20.

(b) If the population of the intermediate school district is 10,000 or more according to the most recent federal census, a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 100.

(6) A school elector may sign as many petitions as there are vacancies to fill. Nominating petitions and an affidavit as provided in section 558 of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.558, shall be filed with the school district filing official not later than 30 days before the date of the biennial election under subsection (1). The school district filing official shall determine the sufficiency of the petitions and the eligibility of the candidates nominated. The school district filing official shall provide ballots for the biennial election, listing on the ballots the names of all candidates properly nominated. The chairperson of the biennial election meeting may accept nominations for a vacancy from the floor only if no nominating petitions have been filed for the vacancy.

(7) Instead of filing nominating petitions, a candidate for election to the intermediate school board may pay a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100.00 to the school district filing official. If this fee is paid by the due date for nominating petitions, the payment has the same effect under this section as the filing of nominating petitions.

**History:** 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;—Am. 1977, Act 43, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1977;—Am. 1981, Act 87, Imd. Eff. July 2, 1981;—Am. 1984, Act 322, Eff. Dec. 28, 1984;—Am. 1992, Act 263, Eff. Jan. 1, 1993;—Am. 2002, Act 157, Eff. Jan. 1, 2003;—Am. 2003, Act 299, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005;—Am. 2004, Act 233, Imd. Eff. July 21, 2004;—Am. 2004, Act 419, Imd. Eff. Nov. 29, 2004;—Am. 2011, Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2012.

**Popular name:** Act 451



## Oakland Schools Board of Education 2026 Election Timeline

### **December 2025:**

Candidates may pick up nominating petitions and affidavit forms at the Oakland County Clerk's Office, Elections Division [1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 417, Pontiac, MI 48341].

### **May 1, 2026 – 4:00 PM:**

Deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions, filing fees, and Affidavits of Identity with the Oakland County Clerk's Office, Elections Division.

### **May 4, 2026:**

Oakland Schools receives Official Candidate List from Oakland County Clerk's Office, Elections Division. Oakland Schools sends list of candidates to constituent district superintendents and executive assistants to the superintendents.

### **May 11 - 29, 2026:**

Each constituent district board of education must:

- 1) Designate its representative(s) and identify the ISD candidate(s) its board supports.
- 2) Consider and adopt a resolution affirming #1. Each board must consider its resolution at not less than one (1) public meeting before adopting the resolution.

### **May 29, 2026 – 4:00 PM:**

Copies of district resolutions due to the Oakland Schools Superintendent's office via fax (248.209.2206) or email (Nicole.Christian@oakland.k12.mi.us). **Please note that no approved resolutions shall be accepted after this time/date. If the resolution is not filed, the constituent district will be unable to cast a vote during the June 1 election.**

### **June 1, 2026 – 5:30-7:30 PM:**

District representatives attend Oakland Schools Board of Education Biennial Board Election open meeting to cast ballot(s) on behalf of their districts. ***No absentee ballots can be accepted.***

### **June 2, 2026:**

Notification of election results sent from Oakland Schools to constituent district superintendents, executive assistants to the superintendents, and the Oakland County Clerk's Office, Elections Division.

### **July 7, 2026:**

Successful candidates take *Oath of Office* at Oakland Schools Board of Education Organizational Meeting, *if not present at the Biennial Board Election.*



Oakland Schools Board of Education  
Biennial Election  
June 1, 2026 – 5:30 PM  
2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan  
Oakland Schools Conference Center

## AGENDA

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| A. Meeting Called to Order  | 5:30 PM        |
| B. Roll Call  |                |
| C. Statement of Purpose of the Meeting  |                |
| D. Naming of Canvassers   | 5:35 PM        |
| E. Casting of the Ballots   | 5:40 – 7:30 PM |
| F. Declaration of Last Opportunity to Vote  | 7:25 PM        |
| G. Closing of the Polls   | 7:30 PM        |
| H. Canvass of the Ballots   | 7:30 – 7:40 PM |
| I. Announcement of Election Results<br><i>(if there is not a tie vote)</i>                | 7:45 PM        |
| J. Second and Subsequent Rounds of Voting<br><i>(if necessary, in the event of a tie)</i> |                |
| K. Announcement of Tie Vote Results<br><i>(if necessary, in the event of a tie)</i>       |                |
| L. Notarization of Results  |                |
| M. Acceptance of Office<br><i>(if successful candidate(s) are in attendance)</i>          |                |
| N. Visitor Comments   |                |
| O. Adjourn  |                |

## OAKLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Election Date: June 1, 2026**  
**Vote for One**  
**Six Year Term Ending June 30, 2032**

### **Filing Official**

Oakland County Elections Division  
West Wing Extension, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Dept. 417  
Pontiac, MI 48341-0417  
(248) 858-0563

### **Qualifications**

A candidate for any seat on the Oakland Schools Board of Education must be a registered voter at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and must reside within one of Oakland County's school districts. Additionally, a candidate must be a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days; and a resident of one of the 28 constituent school districts on or before the 30th day prior to the date of the election. A candidate for the 2026 election may also be currently seated on a local school district board of education.

### **Nominating Petitions, Filing Fee and Affidavits of Identity**

**Friday, May 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. is the last day to file petitions with the County Clerk.** Petition and Affidavit of Identity forms are available at the Oakland County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Dept. 417, Pontiac 48341-0417.

A minimum of 40 and no more than 100 valid signatures is required for each candidate. Only qualified registered electors of the OAKLAND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT may sign nominating petitions. Petitions must be circulated on a city/township basis. Electors may sign petitions for only as many candidates as there are persons to be elected to such office.

Those circulating petitions must be qualified registered electors in the State of Michigan. The circulator must sign each petition page – care must be taken to date the petition form **AFTER** it has been circulated. The County Clerk is responsible for determining the sufficiency of any petitions filed by OISD candidates and the eligibility of the candidates to seek a position on the OISD board.

A \$100 nonrefundable fee may be filed by the candidate in lieu of a petition.

The statutes which govern the election of OISD board members through the meeting process provide that the chairperson of the meeting may accept nominations for an available position “from the floor” if no candidates filed for the position. Consequently, in an instance where no candidates file for an available ISD position, the ballot must contain several lines for the hand entry of the candidates who receive nomination at the meeting.

### **Conduct of Meeting**

The President and Secretary of the OISD are responsible for convening and conducting any meetings held by the OISD to fill its board positions; County Clerks are not required to play any role in the conduct of the meetings.

**RESOLUTION OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 419 of 2004 amended the election procedures for Intermediate School Districts that elect board members at a meeting of representatives from constituent district school boards, and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 419 of 2004 requires a constituent school board to designate its representative and identify the Intermediate School Board candidate the board supports by a resolution adopted not earlier than 21 days prior to the date of the election, and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 419 of 2004 prescribes the method for passage of a resolution including the requirement to consider the resolution at not less than one public meeting before adopting the resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board previously considered the resolution at an open meeting conducted in a manner prescribed under the Open Meetings Act on \_\_\_\_\_.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board designates \_\_\_\_\_ as its representative and \_\_\_\_\_ as its alternate representative to serve on the 2026 electoral body responsible for electing members to the Oakland Schools Intermediate School District Board of Education.
2. The Board supports candidate \_\_\_\_\_ and candidate \_\_\_\_\_ for the one(1) position on the Oakland Schools Intermediate School District Board of Education each for a term of six (6) years ending June 30, 2032.
3. The Board directs its representative \_\_\_\_\_ to vote for candidate \_\_\_\_\_ and candidate \_\_\_\_\_ at least on the first ballot taken at the June 1, 2026 election.

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Motion declared adopted

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Education

Certification

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes.

SAMPLE