

NOTICE OF BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The Hopkins Public Schools District is seeking applications for an upcoming vacant position on the Board of Education. An individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position through December 31, 2026, and will be replaced by the individual elected to the position (based upon the November 2026 election results) on January 1, 2027.

Interested persons must meet the legal requirements to be a member of the Board of Education. They must be at least 18 years of age; a citizen of the United States; a resident of the State of Michigan and a resident of the Hopkins Public Schools district; and a registered voter in the school district.

Interested persons must submit a letter expressing their interest in the board position and their qualifications for the position to the district office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

In the letter of interest please include the following information:

- Full name, address, telephone number;
- Personal background relevant to serving on a public school board;
- Cite the reason(s) why you are interested in serving on the school board;
- Comment on educational issues or concerns facing the Hopkins Public Schools as you view them, and possible means of resolving those issues or concerns;
- Whether you wish under Section 8F of Michigan's Open Meetings Act that your application remain confidential, however, be advised that while your application remains confidential, you may need to be identified as the Board of Education deliberates and decides upon the matter of filling the vacancy by vote in public session;
- Personal signature of the applicant on the letter of interest.

Following a review of the submitted materials, the board will schedule interviews with selected candidates. Not all candidates for the board vacancy will be interviewed. If you have any questions concerning the role of the board of education and the responsibilities of a board member, please contact Scott VanBonn, Superintendent of Schools, at 269-793-7261.

The Board of Education will convene in public session at a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. on November 17, 2025, at Sycamore Elementary School to interview candidates for this vacancy.

By order of:

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