



New Jersey School Boards Association

IMPORTANT DATES • CANDIDATE BRIEFINGS

Important 2008 School Board Candidacy/Election Dates

This information is accurate as of November 29, 2007. The Election Law Enforcement Commission is the state agency that regulates campaign contributions. ELEC conducts Campaign Treasurer Training seminars. Information about the seminars and all manuals and reporting forms can be found on the ELEC Web site at www.elec.state.nj.us. All questions should be directed to ELEC at (609) 292-8700.

February 25, 2008

4 p.m. deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions.

Date of First Campaign Contribution or Expenditure

School board candidates who receive any contribution (including their own funds), regardless of the amount, must appoint a treasurer and open a campaign bank account for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures. This action must take place no later than the date on which that candidate first receives any contribution or makes or incurs any expenditure in connection with an election.

Ten Days after First Contribution or Expenditure

No later than 10 days after appointing a treasurer and opening a campaign bank account, a candidate must file a Certificate of Organization and Designation of Campaign Treasurer and Depository form with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission. This form lists the candidate, chairperson (if one is appointed), treasurer and bank or depository information.

February 29, 2008

Last day to amend a defective petition. (March 2, 2008, the statutory deadline, falls on a Sunday. Therefore, all submissions should be filed by February 29, 2008 to ensure compliance.)

March 17, 2008

Last day to file the first campaign contribution reporting form for an individual candidate expecting to spend more than \$3,500, or who receives more than \$300 in contributions from any one source or any cash contributions. (These deadlines and reporting requirements also apply to candidates conducting joint campaigns. The reporting thresholds for candidates conducting a joint campaign are \$6,700 for two candidates and \$9,700 for three or more candidates.)

April 2, 2008

Any contribution in excess of \$1,000 from any one source received between April 2 and the Annual School Election (April 17) must be reported within 48 hours of receipt. A similar reporting obligation is applicable for certain expenditures of more than \$1,000 made

within this timeframe. Contact the Election Law Enforcement Commission at (609) 292-8700 for regulations applying to the reporting obligations.

April 4, 2008

Last day to file the second campaign contribution reporting form for an individual candidate expecting to spend more than \$3,500, or who receives more than \$300 in contributions from any one source or any cash contributions.

April 15, 2008

Annual School Election

April 21-May 2, 2008

Newly elected board members are sworn in at annual board organizational meetings.

May 7, 2008

Last day to file the final campaign contribution reporting form for an individual candidate expecting to spend more than \$3,500, or who receives more than \$300 in contributions from any one source or any cash contributions. (These deadlines and reporting requirements also apply to candidates conducting joint campaigns. The reporting thresholds for candidates conducting a joint campaign are \$6,700 for two candidates and \$9,700 for three or more candidates.)

May 16, 2008

Newly appointed board members in Type I districts (those with appointed boards) other than cities of the first class sworn in at board organizational meeting. (In Type I districts in cities of the first class, board member terms begin July 1.)

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School Board Candidate Briefings

The state's county school boards associations, in cooperation with the New Jersey School Boards Association, will sponsor regional programs for local school board candidates in March 2008. The programs address the structure and responsibilities of local school boards in New Jersey. Participants will receive information on topics such as policy-making, school administration, school finance and budgeting, school-community relations, collective bargaining, and relations among the board, superintendent and staff.

You can obtain updated information about the briefings by calling (888) 886-5722, ext. 5260.

Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem

Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 7 p.m.

Hammonton High School, Library, 566 Old Forks Road, Hammonton

Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Union

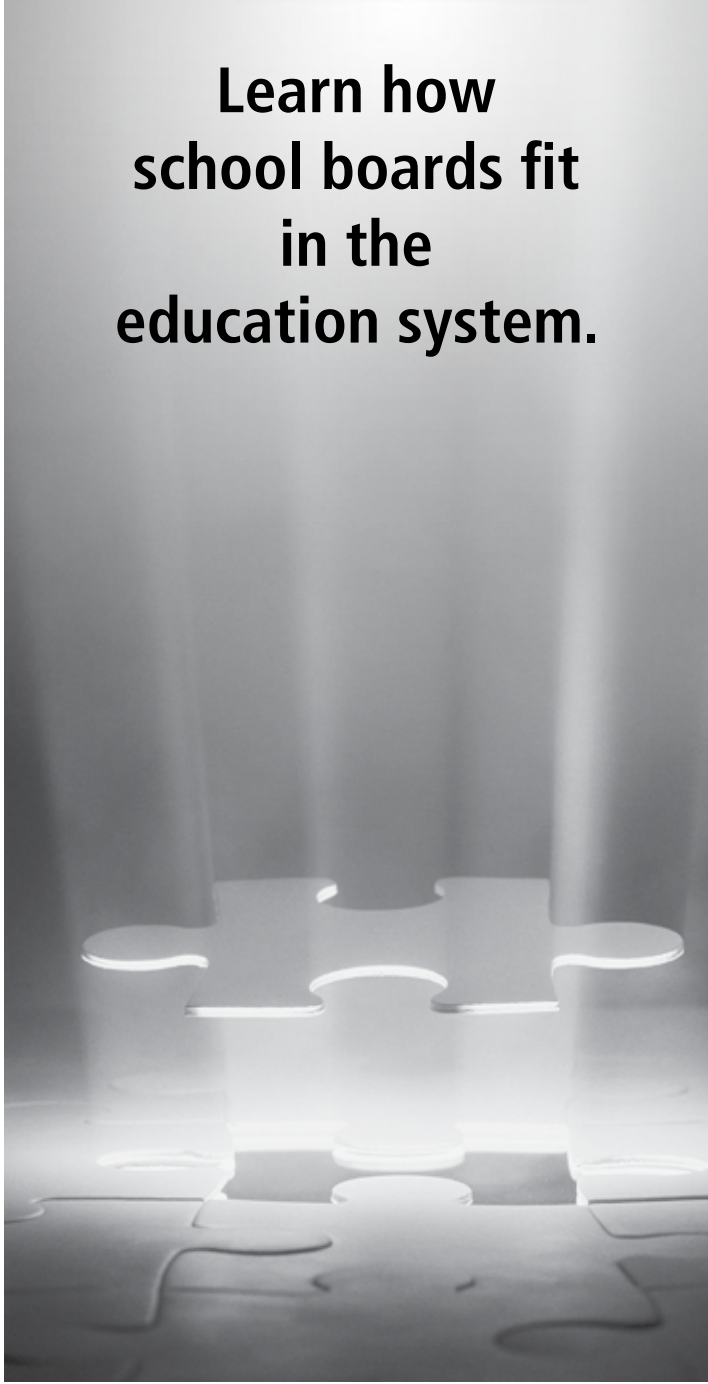
Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 7 p.m.

North Brunswick High School, Raider Road (off U.S. 130), North Brunswick

Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren

Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 7 p.m.

Montville Township High School, 100 Horseneck Road, Montville



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Times, dates and locations of each meeting are subject to change. For updated information, please call the number listed.