



New Jersey School Boards Association

IMPORTANT DATES • CANDIDATE BRIEFINGS

Important 2009 School Board Candidacy/Election Dates

This information is accurate as of Nov. 18, 2008. The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission is the regulatory agency regarding campaign contributions. ELEC conducts 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.

March 2, 2009

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.

March 8, 2009

Last day to amend a defective petition. (March 8, 2009 is a Sunday; therefore all submissions should be filed by March 6, 2009 to ensure compliance with filing deadlines.)

March 23, 2009

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 8, 2009

Any contribution in excess of \$1,000 from any one source received between this date and the Annual School Election (April 21) must be reported within 48 hours of receipt. A similar reporting obligation is applicable for certain expenditures of more than \$1,000 made in this

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

April 10, 2009

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 21, 2009

Annual School Election

April 26-May 9, 2009

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

April 30, 2009

Last day to file Personal-Relative and Financial Disclosure forms with Executive County Superintendent and Board Secretary.

May 16, 2009

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.)

October 15, 2009

Last day to file first quarterly report for a candidate who plans to participate in a future election. If a candidate does not plan to participate in a future election, the candidate must certify the 20-day post-election report as the final election fund report.

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School Board Candidate Briefings/Election Date Notice

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 2009. 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. 5213.

Southern Region:

**Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May,
Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties**

Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 7 p.m. (Registration 6:30 p.m.)

Hammonton High School Library
566 Old Forks Road, Hammonton

Central Region:

**Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean,
Somerset and Union Counties**

Monday, March 23, 2009, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

(Registration 6:30 p.m.)

North Brunswick Township High School Commons
98 Raider Road, North Brunswick

Northern Region:

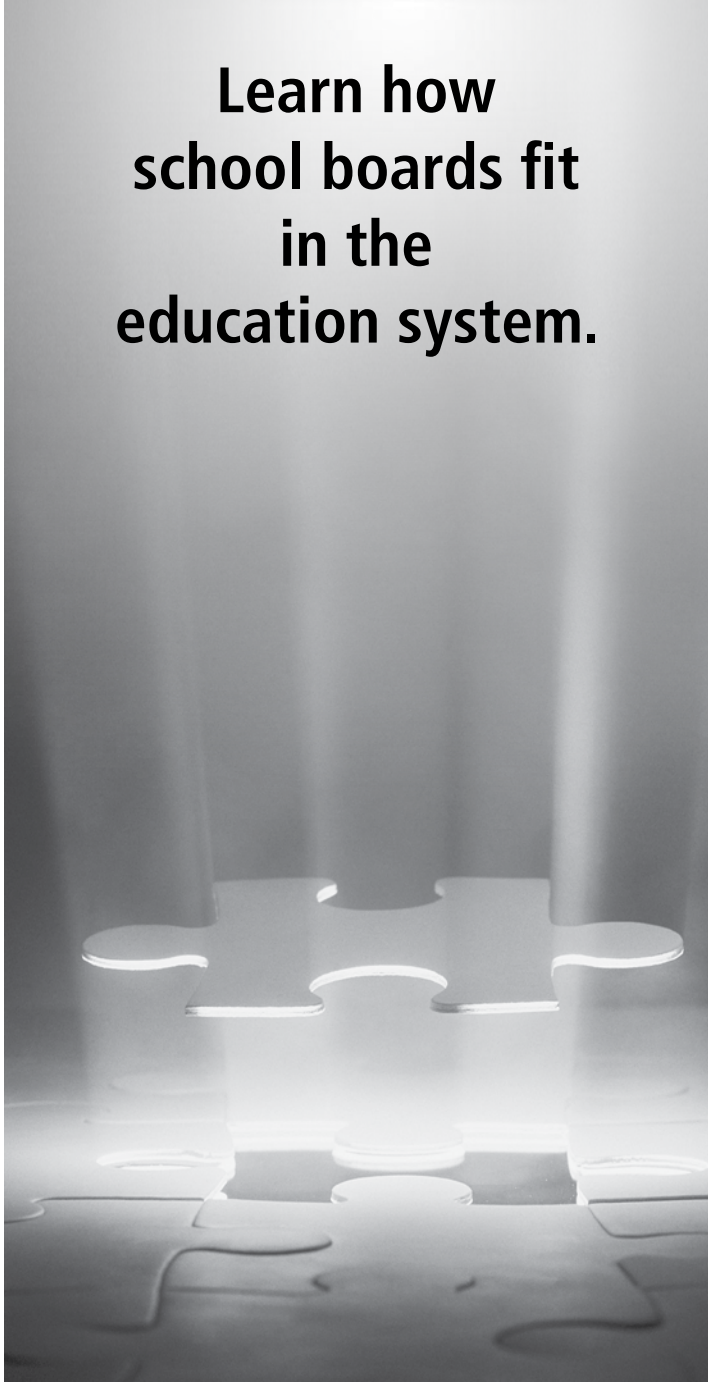
**Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and
Warren Counties**

March 5, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Registration 6:30 p.m.)

Parsippany High School Cafeteria #1
309 Baldwin Road, Parsippany

Election Date Notice

A bill that would move the date of the Annual School Election from the third Tuesday in April to the General Election in November has been introduced in the state Legislature. As the 2009 School Board Candidate Kit went to press, it was uncertain if the legislation would be enacted. If the bill does become law, it would alter the date of the 2009 Annual School Election. Any changes to the school election date will be posted on the New Jersey School Boards Association's Web site at www.njsba.org.



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