

## **The Board of School Directors of the Harrisburg School District announces a VACANCY for the term ending December 2019.**

**The Board invites all eligible residents of Harrisburg, PA to apply to fill this vacancy. To be eligible to be elected or appointed to a Pennsylvania school board, one must be:**

- A citizen of Pennsylvania.
- Of good moral character.
- At least 18 years old.
- A resident of the school district for at least one year prior to election or appointment. An individual may be ineligible to run for or hold the office of school director subject to state or federal law. The following items do not constitute an exhaustive list of legal requirements related to eligibility. Other state and federal laws may determine eligibility.
- The PA Constitution bars from elective office anyone convicted of an "infamous" crime, which the courts have interpreted to include various misdemeanors based on the nature of the crime and all felonies.
- Section 324 of the PA School Code prohibits school directors from being employed by, or doing business with, the district where they are elected or appointed, subject to certain exceptions. These prohibitions remain in effect for the duration of the term for which the school director was elected or appointed, even if the person leaves office before the term expires. The employment prohibition contains exceptions for specific positions. Also, the business prohibition contains an exception that would require an interpretation of the PA Public Official and Employee Ethics Act. For more information, contact the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission at (800) 932-0936.
- Section 322 of the School Code contains a list of municipal offices that are incompatible with holding the office of school director. County, borough and township codes also contain their own restrictions for holding offices concurrently.
- The Hatch Act, a federal statute, prohibits federal employees, and some state and local government employees whose job functions "involve" federal funding, from running for partisan elective office. The Hatch Act only prohibits running for election, but does not prohibit holding the office if appointed. For more information, visit the U.S. Office of Special Counsel's Web site at <http://www.osc.gov/hatchact.htm>.
- The military services have regulations similar to the Hatch Act, but not always coextensive, which may prohibit both holding the office as well as running for it.

**If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of School Directors, please send a letter of interest including background information and qualifications via email or hard copy by Friday, July 6, 2018 at 4:00p.m.**

**Board of School Directors  
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**Interviews will be conducted during a public Board meeting at a date to be determined in the first floor boardroom at the administration building, 1601 State Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103. Interviews will be open to the public.**