

Nominating Petitions for School Board Elections Due by July 25

(Warren, NJ) – On November 8, in the General Election, school board members will be elected in more than 90 percent of New Jersey's school districts, according to the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA).

"While November may seem a long way off, the time to decide to run for the local board of education is now," says NJSBA President Donald Webster, Jr. "Nominating petitions for this year's Annual School Election must be submitted to county clerks by 4 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2016."

This fall, voters in Warren will elect local candidates to three seats on the Warren Township Board of Education. Those interested in serving on the Warren Township board are encouraged to review the NJSBA's School Board Candidate Kit (<u>www.njsba.org/candidacy</u>), which includes information on the responsibilities of local school boards, qualifications for membership, the filing process, and a brief video produced by the NJSBA, "Consider Serving on Your Local School Board."

"New Jersey's 5,000 volunteer school board members govern the education of approximately 1.4 million public school students," Webster says. "No other public officials – elected or appointed – have as great an impact on the lives of our children."

A sample nominating petition is included in the NJSBA's candidate kit. However, in order to explain the process, the Somerset County Clerk's Office prefers that candidates pick up the petition in person at 20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876, Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please call (908) 231-7013 with any questions.