



March 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
201 Main Street
VESTAL, NEW YORK 13850

Dear Prospective Board of Education Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in considering running for a seat on the Vestal Central School District's Board of Education. The following information describes the process for prospective Board candidates:

Procedure for Filing of Petitions:

- ✓ Each petition shall have the original signature of at least **29** qualified residents of the district and shall state the address of each signer. In order to be sure of the legality of the petitions, candidates are urged to file more than the minimum number. Legal names must be used; initials/nicknames are not acceptable. Names and addresses must be readable and identifiable on the county election registration list. Illegible entries will not be counted. No post office box addresses are allowed. **Spouses/family members are not allowed to sign for each other.**
- ✓ **Petitions must be filed no later than Monday, April 17, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the District Clerk's office in the Administration Building, 201 Main Street, Vestal, NY.**

Position on the Ballot:

- ✓ On Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 4:00 PM in the Administration Building, the order that the names shall appear on the ballot will be determined by lot. Candidates may attend in person or by proxy; if neither, the Clerk or her designee is authorized to act as proxy. A waiver is enclosed.

Candidate Information:

- ✓ The District's Budget Newsletter will contain the name, photo, and a brief profile of each candidate. Please turn this information in when you return your petition, or earlier, if possible. The Board of Education candidate's summary form is enclosed.

Expense Statements:

- ✓ Candidates are required to file sworn statements of campaign expenses. The District has devised a form to be used. Three copies are enclosed. Dates they are due in the District Clerk's office are stated on the forms.

Other Information:

- ✓ Three (3) three-year positions are open. Petitioners state they nominate the candidates whose petitions they are signing. Candidates do not file for a specific vacancy. The three candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be entitled to the three 3-year terms.
- ✓ New York State has mandated six-hour training for new school board members on school board governance and fiscal oversight. These trainings must be completed within the first year of service.
- ✓ Additional reading material is available in the District Clerk's office, if you are interested.
- ✓ ***Broome Tioga School Board Association has scheduled a workshop for prospective candidates on April 12, 2017 at 7:00pm in the BOCES Instructional Support Center on Glenwood Road in Binghamton.***

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 757-2265. Thank you.

Kay Ellis, District Clerk

Enc.

Challenge

Support

Foster

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TO: KAY E. ELLIS, CLERK OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS
OF VESTAL AND BINGHAMTON, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK
AND OF THE TOWN OF OWEGO, TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

*NOTE: At least 29 signatures
must be submitted per candidate (2%
of 1446 voters in last year's annual
vote)*

I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a duly qualified voter of the Vestal Central School District of the Towns of Vestal and Binghamton, Broome County, New York, and of the Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York, and entitled to vote at the Annual Vote and Election of the said School District; that my place of residence is truly stated opposite my signature hereto and that I hereby nominate the following named person as a candidate for office of member of the Board of Education of said School District to be voted on at the annual election of the said School District to be held on May 16, 2017.

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____ ADDRESS _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on the day and year placed opposite my signature.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

	NAME	STREET ADDRESS	TOWN
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To be completed by person circulating petition:

STATE of New York: SS
COUNTIES of BROOME and TIOGA:

I, _____, and now residing at _____, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am a duly qualified voter of Vestal Central School District of the Towns of Vestal and Binghamton, Broome County, New York, and Town of Owego, Tioga County, New York. I know each of the petitioners whose names are subscribed to on the above petition sheet containing _____ signatures and each of them subscribed to the same in my presence and upon subscribing, declared to me that the foregoing statement made and subscribed to by him or her was true.

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 2017

Notary Public, Broome County or Tioga County

**VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Vestal, New York**

WAIVER

I HEREBY WAIVE MY RIGHT TO ATTEND THE DRAWING FOR POSITION ON
THE BALLOT AND DESIGNATE:

a) _____ DISTRICT CLERK, KAY E. ELLIS

b) _____

TO ACT AS MY PROXY IN THAT DRAWING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE FILE THIS WAIVER WITH THE DISTRICT CLERK.

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Vestal, New York

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE SUMMARY
(must be filed with the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2017)

NOTE: Information included in this summary will be published in the budget edition of the district newsletter.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____ # OF YEARS OF VESTAL RESIDENCY: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

CAREER BACKGROUND:

SCHOOL DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

DO YOU OR DID YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN VESTAL SCHOOLS?

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS BRIEFLY. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BUDGET EDITION OF THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER. LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO 4 SENTENCES PER ITEM, AS ONLY THE FIRST 4 SENTENCES WILL BE INCLUDED.

- 1. Do you feel the new State and Federal changes in public education will have a positive or negative impact on education? How? Why?**
- 2. What is your vision for education in this community?**
- 3. What is the most important responsibility of a Board member?**
- 4. What do you see as the major obstacles or challenges facing our school and how would you attempt to solve them?**

ELECTION EXPENSE STATEMENT

TO: VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Vestal, New York 13850
Attention: District Clerk

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A. That the only expenditures were for personal expenses, which when taken together with the total expenses incurred by others on my behalf and with my approval, do not exceed \$500.00; or

*B. That expenditures for personal expenses, which when taken together with the total expenses incurred by others on my behalf and with my approval, exceeded \$500.00 and are itemized as follows:

*** If Section B is checked, a copy of this must be filed with the Commissioner of Education.**

Candidate's Signature

Date

State of New York: SS
County of Broome:

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2017

Notary Public

Commission Expires

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