Who pays for the campaign?

• Many candidates will receive contributions toward the cost of mounting an election campaign.

• The law states that a candidate has a responsibility to disclose the names of the donors of more than $50.00 to his or her campaign, and the amount of those contributions.

What is the nomination process?

• Contact your returning officer for a nominations package, including nomination form and information about the process.

• Obtain no less than five signatures from the final voters’ list for your nomination papers.

• You may be required to pay a deposit, of a maximum of $200.

• Drop off your nomination package between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on September 11, 2012 at the office of the returning officer, or schedule an appointment up to five business days before September 11, 2012.

• The deadline to withdraw is September 12, 2012, after this date your name will appear on the ballot.

Useful Links

Elections Process:
Frequently Asked Questions and Resources
http://ednet.ns.ca/schoolboardelections

School Board Election Process
www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/election/candidate.asp

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School Board Websites:
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board
www.avrsb.ca

Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board
www.cbv.ns.ca

Chignecto-Central Regional School Board
http://ccrsb.ca/

Conseil scolaire acadien provincial
http://csap.ednet.ns.ca/

Halifax Regional School Board
www.hrsb.ns.ca

South Shore Regional School Board
www.sssrsb.ca

Strait Regional School Board
www.srsb.ca

Tri-County Regional School Board
www.tcrsb.ca/tcrsb/root/index.aspx

Other Useful Links:

Nova Scotia Education Act
nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/eductn.htm

Nova Scotia School Boards Association
www.nssba.ca/new/index.html
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Candidates can offer as:
• Member of Regional School Board
• African Nova Scotian Member of Regional School Board*
• Member of the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP)**

*In addition to the qualifications to run for school board, you must be an African Nova Scotian or a person of African descent.

**In addition to the qualifications to run for school board, you must be an entitled person. An entitled person is a person
• whose first language learned and still understood is French, or
• who received his or her primary school instruction in Canada in a French-first-language program, or
• who is the parent/guardian of a child who has received or is receiving primary or secondary school instruction in Canada in a French first-language program.

What are the roles and responsibilities of a school board member?
• The main work of a school board is to govern by setting direction, establishing policy, approving strategic and annual business plans, monitoring student achievement, and evaluating and monitoring the board’s progress towards its goals.
• Board members as individuals do not have power or authority. But the board—collectively, as a whole—has the power to make policy and decisions for the region.
• School board duties and responsibilities are defined under Section 64 of the Nova Scotia Education Act (Appendix 2), and include
  – promoting excellence in education
  – providing instruction for all students
  – ensuring that schools adhere to the provincial program of studies
  – promoting schools as safe, quality learning environments and as community resources
  – hiring and paying the superintendent
  – developing a strategic plan for the school board region
  – developing regional policies that reflect the board’s responsibilities
  – managing the financial affairs of the school board
  – providing for transportation of students to and from schools
  – providing regional services to assist public education

Is there a stipend?
• The current stipend for board members is $9,300 per annum and $15,300 for the Chair and $11,300 for the vice chair.
• Expenses incurred due to board-related duties will be reimbursed.

What are the qualifications?
• must be a Canadian citizen and minimum 18 years of age at time of nomination
• must ordinarily reside in the school district or school region for six months preceding nomination day (March 11, 2012)
• may not be a school board employee
• may not be a sitting MLA, MP, Senator, Municipal Councillor, or judge
• may not be a member of another school board
• may not have been convicted of any corrupt practice or bribery contrary to Municipal Elections Act within 10 years preceding nomination day