

## 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](http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/election/candidate.asp)

Candidates Guide  
[www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/muns/manuals/pdf/msd-candidate-guide-to-municipal-elections.pdf](http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/muns/manuals/pdf/msd-candidate-guide-to-municipal-elections.pdf)

### School Board Websites:

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board  
[www.avrsb.ca](http://www.avrsb.ca)

Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board  
[www.cbv.ns.ca](http://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](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca)

South Shore Regional School Board  
[www.srsb.ca](http://www.srsb.ca)

Strait Regional School Board  
[www.srsb.ca](http://www.srsb.ca)

Tri-County Regional School Board  
[www.tcrsb.ca/tcrsb/root/index.aspx](http://www.tcrsb.ca/tcrsb/root/index.aspx)

### Other Useful Links:

Nova Scotia Education Act  
[nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/eductn.htm](http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/eductn.htm)

Nova Scotia School Boards Association  
[www.nssba.ca/new/index.html](http://www.nssba.ca/new/index.html)

# Becoming a School Board Member in Nova Scotia

## 2012 School Board Elections

## Next Election:

October 20, 2012

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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