

Tim Ricker, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Dear Prospective School Board Candidate:

Congratulations!

Your interest in becoming a member of the Lemont-Bromberek CSD113A Board of Education is commendable. Should you be elected to the Board on April 7, 2009, you would join more than 6,000 Illinois men and women who contribute countless hours – without compensation – toward maintaining local, lay governance of our public schools. The Lemont-Bromberek CSD113A Board of Education governs what is one of the largest businesses in our community and is responsible for a multitude of important functions. The Board sets policies and standards affecting the future of every child in the district.

As you may already know, four seats on our seven-member Board of Education will be filled at the April 7th election. All of these four seats are for a full four year term.

To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, and a resident of the State of Illinois and the Lemont-Bromberek CSD113A for at least one year immediately preceding the election. The school board election is nonpartisan, and board candidates do not run under political party affiliation.

Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest prohibitions and exceptions set forth in state law. (A copy of Illinois School Code Section 10-9 is attached to this letter)

Also included with this letter are four forms to be completed by you and returned to the proper official. Illinois law required that any candidate seeking election to a board of education must file:

- Nominating petitions bearing the signatures of at least 50 citizens who are registered to vote in the district, with notarized signatures of the petition circulator;
- A statement of candidacy;
- A receipt from the County Clerk showing that you have filed a Statement of Economic Interests for calendar year 2009.
- The fourth form – a loyalty oath – is optional. You may file it or not, as you wish.

The documents must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Education or her designated representative during the specified filing period explained later. Your nominating papers must be delivered (by you or someone else) or mailed to Sandra Larek, District Office, Lemont Bromberek CSD113A, 16100 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439. If your nominating papers are delivered, they should be given to one of the following:

Sandra Larek, Board Secretary
Patti McDonald, Designated Representative

You may begin circulating your nominating petitions for signatures no earlier than October 28, 2008.

Your nominating papers must be filed during the following time period. They cannot be accepted at any other time.

The filing period begins when the office opens for business at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Illinois law provides that names will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they are filed. Any candidates in line when the office opens on the first day for filing, and any nominations received in the first mail that day, are to be regarded as filed simultaneously. In the event two or more candidates qualify for this "simultaneous filing," a lottery will be held to determine the order of their names on the ballot.

Note that the school office closes at 4:00 p.m. each day, other than on the last day for filing (Monday, January 26, 2009) when the office will be open until 5:00 p.m. as required by law.

The filing period ends at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009. Nominating papers cannot be accepted after that time. This also is the deadline for filing a receipt for your Statement of Economic Interest in the event you did not file it earlier. This also is the last day for the Board Secretary to give you a receipt indicating that your nominating papers are in apparent conformity with the law and that they have been received and filed.

In addition to your receipt for filing, you will receive a notice of your obligations under the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. (Whether you have any obligations under this Act will depend upon the amount of money you will receive or expend in your campaign.)

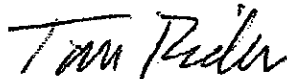
Please note that the pages of your nominating petitions must be securely bound together with pages numbered consecutively. Each page must carry a notarized signature of the petition circulator. We recommend that you obtain a few more than the required number of signatures just to be safe in the event your nominating petition is challenged. Upon receipt in the school office, your nominating papers will be time-dated.

If you have any questions about nominating procedures of the election, please feel free to call the school office at 630-257-2286, extension 4604 or the Cook County Clerk at 312/603-0906.

The superintendent, Dr. Tim Ricker, or John Wood, President of the Board of Education can answer questions about the nature of the school board service.

Best wishes to you for a pleasant election campaign.

Sincerely yours,



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