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**TO:** Maryland Certified Teachers  
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**FROM:** Mohammed Choudhury, State Superintendent 

**DATE:** December 3, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **Teacher Member Vacancy on the State Board of Education**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notice of the teacher member vacancy on the State Board of Education to all certified teachers actively teaching in the State and all teachers' organizations representing teachers in the State for the purposes of collective bargaining. Education Article §2-202 identifies one certified teacher who is actively teaching as a member of the State Board of Education. As such, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) will be conducting a statewide election in accordance with [Code of Maryland Regulation \(COMAR\) 13A.07.13](#) to fill the upcoming vacancy.

The term for the next elected teacher member begins on July 1, 2022. The individual with the most votes will win the election and their name will be forwarded to the Governor for appointment to the State Board of Education. Each certified teacher in Maryland may cast one vote. Eligibility requirements and the election schedule are summarized below.

**Eligibility Requirements: Nominees**

An individual who wishes to serve as a teacher member on the State Board of Education must meet the following requirements to be placed on the election ballot:

- Be a resident of Maryland;
- Hold an active Maryland Educator Certificate;
- Be actively teaching full-time in a public or nonpublic school in Maryland;
- Have at least 5 years of experience actively teaching;
- Have not had a suspension or revocation of their Maryland Educator Certificate;
- Have not been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense;
- Is current on all federal, state, or local debt, without any delinquencies for income, property, or other taxes;
- Provide all of the information required by the nomination form; and
- Complete an ethics disclosure form.

## **Election Schedule**

### **December 3, 2021: Nomination Forms Available**

Nomination form is attached to this memorandum and may be obtained on the MSDE website.

### **January 1, 2022: Date by which Candidates and Voters must hold Certification to Participate in the Election**

*Prospective Candidates:* If your Maryland certificate expires on January 1, 2022, you are required to work with your Local School System (LSS) (if employed in a LSS) or MSDE (if employed in a nonpublic school) to renew your certificate prior to the submission of your nomination.

*Voters:* All complete applications that are submitted by January 1, 2022, will be processed by February 23, 2022, allowing individuals who qualify for a Maryland teaching certificate the ability to vote in the election.

### **January 1, 2022-January 31, 2022: Nominations Period**

Completed nomination forms must be submitted to [sboeteacherelection.msde@maryland.gov](mailto:sboeteacherelection.msde@maryland.gov) during this period. Nomination forms will not be accepted before 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2022, or after 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2022. Information pertaining to the nomination of candidates may be found in the attached regulations. The MSDE will not consider teachers as candidates if they fail to submit all of the information required by the nomination form.

### **February 1, 2022-February 15, 2022: Certification of Eligible Candidates**

The MSDE will complete the review of nominees to determine eligibility of candidates.

### **February 22, 2022: Announcement of Candidates**

The list of eligible candidates will be posted on the MSDE website by 5:00 p.m.

### **March 7, 2022 – March 13, 2022: Election Period**

All individuals with an active Maryland teaching certificate, as defined in COMAR 13A.12.02, will be eligible to cast one vote in the election. Additional information regarding the online election process will be available closer to the election. Please continue to monitor the MSDE website for more information.

### **March 21, 2022 – March 27, 2022: Election Period (Second Round)**

If there are more than 25 candidates on the ballot, the MSDE will hold a second round of voting that includes the five candidates with the most votes during the first round of voting.

### **May 1, 2022: Announcement of Election Results**

Results will be announced on the MSDE website and will include the total number of votes received for each candidate.

Please monitor the MSDE website for updated information pertaining to the upcoming election.

Enclosures: Nomination Form