**JOINT/BRACKETED
NOMINATING PETITION FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

**MUST BE FILED WITH THE MERCER COUNTY CLERK’S ELECTIONS DIVISION**
**no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, July 29, 2024**
Paula Sollami Covello, Mercer County Clerk 209 S. Broad St., Trenton, NJ 08608

**A. NOMINATING STATEMENT:**

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School District

of (Municipality) ­\_\_\_\_\_ , Mercer County, New Jersey. We hereby endorse the following as candidates for membership on the above-named Board of Education and we hereby request that the names of said candidates be printed on the official ballot to be used at the ensuing election for the Board of Education to be held on November 5, 2024.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

Candidate names must appear the same as registered to vote.

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(Optional. No more than three words that convey the principles which the candidate represents, but no designation may contain the name, or a derivative or any part thereof, used as a noun or an adjective, of any political party that is entitled to participate in a primary election.)

**B. SIGNATORIES:**

We, the undersigned petitioners, hereby certify that the said (Names of Candidates)

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 are legally qualified under the laws of the State to be elected members of the

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education. (At least ten signatures, one of which may be the candidate’s, are required to nominate a candidate.)

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**C. AFFIDAVIT:**

 , circulator of this nominating petition, being duly sworn or affirmed according to the law on oath, deposes and says: The present petition is signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own handwriting; the signers are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, legally qualified to vote at the school district election for which the candidate is nominated; and that the petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose

of endorsing the candidate and placing the candidate’s name on the official ballot in order to seek election as a member of the Board of Education. The circulator further affirms that he/she is eligible to vote in the state of New Jersey, and meets the age, citizenship and residency

requirements as required by New Jersey law.

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**D. NOTICE**

All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of “The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act,” N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission, (609) 292-8700.

**E. CANDIDATE’S ACCEPTANCE/OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

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I further do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and in this State, under the

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**QUALIFICATIONS -** Candidates filing a nominating petition for board membership must meet the following qualifications:

• a citizen of the United States of America

• at least 18 (eighteen) years of age to qualify for office

• able to read and write

• a resident of the municipality from which he/she is to be elected for at least one year preceding the date of the election

• not disqualified as a voter pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:4-1

• a registered voter in the district

• not convicted of a disqualifying crime pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:12-1

**No board of education member shall be directly or indirectly involved in any contract with, or claim against, the board.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

 Within 30 days of election or appointment to the board, a member must undergo a **criminal history background investigation** through the New Jersey Department of Education.

 The School Ethics Act and nepotism legislation impact the ability of board members who have relatives working in the school district to act in areas such as personnel and

collective negotiations. Please consult your board secretary for details.

 Two or more candidates for any given term of office may notify the secretary of the board in writing or the county clerk if the annual school election is to be held in November, at least seven days before the drawing date that they wish to have their names with their chosen designation, if any, bracketed together, so that their names and designation, if any, are selected as a group at the drawing and their names and

designation are printed together on the ballot. The candidates shall determine among themselves the order in which their names are to appear within the bracket prior to so notifying the secretary.

Completed nominating petitions shall be filed with:

**The Mercer County Clerk on or before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2024.**

**The Mercer County Clerk’s Election Office is located at 209 S. Broad St., 2nd Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608.**

For questions, please call the Election Office at (609) 989-6494.

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