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## **District 62 School Board Election Nominating Petitions**

**Available November 7, 2006**

DES PLAINES, IL (October 24, 2006) - Nominating petition forms for the April 17, 2007 school board election in Community Consolidated School District 62 will be available on November 7, 2006. Forms may be picked up at the Leon Smaage Administration Center located at 777 Algonquin Road in Des Plaines from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

A school board candidate's petition must be filed in the same office no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 29, and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2007.

Candidates' names will appear on the election ballot in the order in which their nominating papers are received in the secretary's office.

Three seats on the seven-member board of education are open for the April 17, 2007 election. Candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April 2011.

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 old, a resident of the State of Illinois and the school district for at least one year immediately preceding the election, and a registered voter, be neither a school trustee nor a school treasurer, and not be a child sex offender as defined by law.

Elections are nonpartisan and board candidates are not required to indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in The School Code.

The candidate may file nominating papers in person, by mail or by an agent. They consist of the following:

- Nominating petitions signed by at least 50 registered voters residing within the district. Petitions must be securely bound together with pages numbered consecutively, and each page must carry the notarized signature of the petition circulator.
- Statement of candidacy, which includes a request that the candidate's name be placed on the official ballot, the address of the candidate, the office sought, and a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office and has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

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- A receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed the Statement of Economic Interests as noted above.

Other important dates for candidates are:

- Tuesday, February 13, 2007 - Last day for filing objections to nominating papers in the office of the board secretary.
- Tuesday, February 13, 2007 - Last day for candidates to withdraw from nomination.

Further information on becoming a candidate in the April 17 board election may be obtained by contacting Dr. Jane L. Westerhold, Superintendent, at 847-824-1136

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, contact the Illinois Association of School Boards for a free booklet, "Your School Board and You." Write to IASB, 430 East Vine Street, Springfield, IL 62703-2236 or check the IASB website at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com).

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