



Leaders in Learning

September 16, 2020

Dear Prospective School Board Candidate:

Congratulations!

Your interest in becoming a member of the Chicago Ridge Board of Education is commendable. Should you be elected to the Board on April 6th, 2021, 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 Chicago Ridge Board of Education governs what is probably 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, five seats on our seven-member Board of Education will be filled at the April 6th, 2021 election. Four of the seats are full four-year terms. One of the seats is a two-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 Chicago Ridge School District for at least one year immediately preceding the election. A member shall not be a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012 and cannot serve as a school trustee. (105 ILCS 5/10-10). 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.

Please refer to the State of Illinois Candidate's Guide 2021 for information regarding what you will need to do to run for an open seat, as it provides the documentation required as well as key dates and required deadlines. A .pdf of the guide, as well as additional resources, can be found on our website at www.crsd1275.org or at <https://www.elections.il.gov/>.

Thank you for your interest in Chicago Ridge School District #127.5.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam J. Thorns
Superintendent of Schools