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MEMORANDUM

To: County Clerks
From: Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections
Subject: SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FILING REQUIREMENTS

An informational [memo](#) on the disclosure requirements provided under Michigan's Campaign Finance Act has been posted to our website and is available for distribution to school board candidates. Please forward a copy of the memo to any school board candidates who are required to file their campaign finance disclosure documents with your office. (The memo can be photocopied as needed.)

Filing Exemptions

A filing exemption is provided for certain school board candidates. Specifically, a candidate who 1) seeks a school board position in a school district with a pupil enrollment count of 2,400 or less and 2) does not spend or receive in excess of \$1,000.00 for the election is not required to file a Statement of Organization or Campaign Statements. Note that candidates who are exempt from the filing requirements are still required to keep records of their campaign expenses and provide an identifier on campaign materials. In addition, exempt candidates are prohibited from accepting corporate contributions or contributions from a labor organization like any other candidates seeking public office in Michigan.

A school district's pupil enrollment count is viewed as the pupil count obtained at the most recent "pupil membership count day" in the district.

Important

- Candidates who seek a board position on an Intermediate School Board that fills its board positions through the meeting process (MCL 380.614) are exempt from the filing requirements of the Campaign Finance Act.
- Candidates who seek a board position on an Intermediate School Board that fills its board positions at popular elections are subject to the filing requirements of the Campaign Finance Act.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

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