

## SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

<b>Filing Location:</b>	Barry County Clerk, 220 W. State St., Hastings MI 49058
<b>Candidate Qualifications:</b>	State law requires the candidate to be a registered and qualified elector of the School District by the filing deadline [MCL 168.303]
<b>Filing Requirements:</b>	- Affidavit of Identity - Petitions containing sufficient signatures OR \$100.00 filing fee [MCL 168.303]
<b>Petition Signature Requirements:</b>	<p>Petition signature requirements are based on the population of the district and must be of registered electors of the district. [MCL 168.303]</p> <p><b>Delton Kellogg, Hastings Area &amp; Thornapple Kellogg - Minimum: 40</b>  <b>Delton Kellogg, Hastings Area &amp; Thornapple Kellogg - Maximum: 100</b>  <b>Maple Valley – Minimum: 6</b>  <b>Maple Valley – Maximum: 20</b></p> <p>Voters may sign only the number of petitions equal to the number of offices being filled.</p>
<b>Filing Deadline:</b>	<p>Filings must be made by <b>4:00 P.M. on Tuesday August 14, 2012</b></p> <p>Candidates are urged to file early; if petition signatures are not acceptable, and the approved number falls below the minimum required, we will contact you to advise you of the shortfall. If, however, a shortfall in the number of signatures required is discovered after the filing deadline, you will not be permitted an extension, and your name will not appear on the ballot.</p>
<b>Withdrawal:</b>	Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday August 17, 2012
<b>Campaign Finance:</b>	<p>Candidates from Delton Kellogg, Hastings Area and Thornapple Kellogg Schools are required to have or create a Candidate Committee. Non-incumbent candidates must complete the Statement of Organization and file with the County Clerk within 20 days after becoming a candidate. Incumbent Candidates should contact the County Clerk to determine if an Amended Statement of Organization should be filed. It is your responsibility to contact the County Clerk (269-945-1400 ext 1123) to determine what requirements you may be subject to regarding campaign finance. You should do this prior to expending funds, advertising, or placing signs in support of your campaign, to avoid improper activities.</p> <p>Candidates from Maple Valley Schools are only required to have a Candidate Committee if they expend or receive more than \$1000.00 in an election cycle.</p>