



MASB  
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION  
OF SCHOOL BOARDS



**BOARD *of***  
**DIRECTORS**  
**ELECTIONS**

**2024**

# MASB Bylaws – Article IV – Membership

**Section 2.** Active Members. The board of education of any public school district in Michigan may become an active member of the Association. Active members of the Association shall be divided into eight regions. The regions shall be designated according to intermediate school district boundaries. The regions shall be as follows:

**Region 1.** Copper Country ISD, Delta-Schoolcraft ISD, Dickinson-Iron ISD, Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD, Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD, Marquette-Alger RESA and Menominee County ISD.

**Region 2.** Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD, Charlevoix- Emmet ISD, Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD, COOR ISD, Iosco RESA, Manistee ISD, Northwest Education Services and Wexford-Missaukee ISD.

**Region 3.** Ionia County ISD, Kent ISD, Mecosta-Osceola ISD, Montcalm Area ISD, Muskegon Area ISD, Newaygo County RESA, Ottawa Area ISD and West Shore ESD.

**Region 4.** Bay-Arenac ISD, Clare-Gladwin RESD, Clinton County RESA, Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Midland County ESA, Saginaw ISD and Shiawassee RESD.

**Region 5.** Genesee ISD, Huron ISD, Lapeer County ISD, Sanilac ISD, St. Clair County RESA and Tuscola ISD.

**Region 6.** Allegan Area ESA, Barry ISD, Berrien RESA, Branch ISD, Calhoun ISD, Heritage Southwest ISD, Kalamazoo RESA, St. Joseph County ISD and Van Buren ISD.

**Region 7.** Eaton RESA, Hillsdale County ISD, Ingham ISD, Jackson County ISD, Lenawee ISD, Livingston ESA, Monroe County ISD and Washtenaw ISD.

**Region 8.** Macomb ISD, Oakland Schools and Wayne RESA.

**Active members shall also be divided into the following seven groups based on pupil membership.**

**Group I** All intermediate districts;

**Group II** School districts with a pupil membership of 0 - 1,400;

**Group III** School districts with a pupil membership of 1,401 - 2,500;

**Group IV** School districts with a pupil membership of 2,501 - 5,000;

**Group V** School districts with a pupil membership of 5,001 - 11,000;

**Group VI** School districts with a pupil membership of 11,001 - 40,000; and

**Group VII** School districts with a pupil membership more than 40,000.

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# Board of Directors' Elections—Candidate Information and Email Voting Procedures

This year, nine seats on the MASB Board of Directors are up for election.

The MASB Board of Directors is comprised of 24 members, including three at-large directors. Sixteen directors shall be elected from the eight regions, with two elected from each region; and one director per group shall be elected from Groups V, VI and VII. Directors are elected by active member school boards and, each year, several seats are up for election. The MASB President will nominate a member to serve as an at-large director, subject to Board approval.

## Board Limitations:

Article VIII, Section 6 of the MASB Bylaws permits only one director to be elected or appointed from any one local or intermediate school district board.

According to MASB Bylaws Article VIII, Section 8, if any nomination for the Board of Directors is unopposed, the Board of Directors shall declare the unopposed candidate elected without conducting an election for the uncontested group or region.

**This year, the following seats on the MASB Board are up for election (one seat each, three-year terms unless otherwise noted): Regions 1 (open seat), 2, 3 (one-year term), 4 (one-year term), 5, 6 (open seat), 7, 8 and Group V (one-year term). If you're unsure of your district's region or group, please see the list on page 2.**

- **Region 1 has a vacant seat as no nominations were received**
- **Region 2 will continue to be represented by Dawn Kaiser, Iosco RESA, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)**
- **Region 3 will continue to be represented by Rick Dernberger, Zeeland Public Schools and Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)**
- **Region 4 will continue to be represented by John Tramontana, DeWitt Public Schools, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)**
- **Group V will continue to be represented by Stephen Hyer, Clarkston Community Schools, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)**

**Voting in Regions 5, 6, 7 and 8** will take place via an online ballot. No local district/ISD funds can be used to campaign for anyone running for a seat. To help your board make an informed decision, the following pages contain background information and statements from each of the candidates.

Each district received ONE ballot, which was emailed to the superintendent secretary on record with MASB on Jan. 26, 2024. These ballots **CANNOT** be forwarded to anyone else. Once your board makes a decision on which candidate it wishes to vote for, please convey this information to your superintendent secretary.

Completed ballots must be cast and confirmed by the superintendent secretary by **1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.**

Unofficial election results will be available on the voicemail recording at 517.327.5915 as soon as possible, but generally after 2 p.m. on the deadline date. They will also be sent out via email that afternoon. Official results will be approved at the March 22, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting, which newly elected directors should plan to attend.

To summarize:

- Ballot deadline is **1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.**
- MASB would like to remind all candidates for the MASB Board of Directors that no school district funds can be used for campaigning during the election. This rule prohibits a candidate from using their school district email account to send messages to other school board members. Therefore, a personal email account must be used for campaigning purposes when running for the MASB Board of Directors. If you have any questions about what may or may not constitute an expenditure of school district funds, please contact MASB's Legal Counsel Brad Banasik, J.D. at [bbanasik@masb.org](mailto:bbanasik@masb.org) or **517.327.5929.**
- An electronic file containing the physical addresses and email addresses for the voting group or region shall be made available to each candidate running for election to the board of directors. The revokable license to use the addresses shall be limited to contacting school board members to share information about the MASB Board of Directors' election.
- Have questions? Contact Cheryl Huffman at **517.327.5915** or [chuffman@masb.org](mailto:chuffman@masb.org).

# Region 5 (Three-Year Term)



**Janice Holz** INCUMBENT

**Huron Intermediate School District, Huron County**

**Time served  
on this board:**

**32** years

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President, Secretary  
and Treasurer

**Time served on  
another board:**

**25** years

Bad Axe  
Public Schools

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President, Secretary  
and Treasurer

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

Master Diamond Award

Master Platinum Award

President's Award of Recognition

Advocacy Specialty

Data Specialty

## Election Statement:

Public education is the foundation of our society. I have a rich knowledge base and a strong passion to maintain excellence in public education. I draw upon my years of experience as an ISD board member, as a current MASB Director and SET SEG Director to analyze and approach issues from multiple perspectives.

Many people arrive at their school board seat in different ways; the common denominator being a desire to help children and strengthen the institution of public education. We must question, listen and learn from our communities, parents, students, staff and administrators. Through curiosity and learning, we can answer the questions of how to best serve students and communities.

We must continue to learn together to address the issues facing our school districts such as: mental health, the need for more counselors in schools, prevention of suicides and other tragedies, social emotional support, artificial intelligence, student achievement, truancy, diversity, equity and inclusion, administrative and teacher shortages, etc. I will encourage and support board members to take classes and improve the member experience in accessing needed information, products and services.

I will continue to be part of the process to find solutions and continue to develop my leadership skills. I am committed to working hard for a well-governed effective public school for every Michigan student. This includes providing the necessary structure and support for every child to achieve and thrive.

I will support the mission statement of MASB – to provide high quality educational services for all Michigan Boards of Education and to advocate for an equitable and exceptional public education that leads to improved outcomes for all students. It will be my honor to continue to provide dedicated service.

# Region 5 (Three-Year Term)



## Roshawnda Williams

**Beecher Community School District, Genesee County**

**Time served  
on this board:**

**6** years

**Offices held:**

Treasurer

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

### Election Statement:

My name is Roshawnda Williams and I am a dedicated Beecher Board of Education Trustee who has served for six years. I am a valued community member who has lived in the Beecher School District for 15 years. I am a seasoned expert who possesses an unwavering passion for student success and achievement. My commitment to the district is evident through my extensive involvement. My goal is to make sure we deliver excellence in education while empowering students to be successful in every area of their lives.

As a board member, I am able to work with administration, teachers, school staff, students, parents and the community to make sure we provide the best ongoing educational opportunities for all students.

My dedication to the Beecher Community School District extends beyond the campus, as I aspire to represent the educational institution in both the local and state arenas. My enthusiasm for enhancing the district image aligns seamlessly with my candidacy for the MASB Board of Directors. My deep-rooted belief in transformative power of education and my commitment to advancing the district's goals make me an ideal candidate to advocate for the interests of MASB.

My motto is "Passion and positivity can make the impossible happen." You can count on me to share my passion and add to the betterment of the MASB Board of Directors. I truly believe that "We are never in the dark if we are willing to ignite the spark."

I am proud to have been nominated as a delegate and if elected, I will work to grow in my knowledge about MASB.

If you would like to further my discussion, please feel free to contact me at 810.936.1615 or

roshawnda.williams63@gmail.com.

# Region 6 (Three-Year Term)



## Robert Becker

**Barry Intermediate School District, Barry County**

**Time served  
on this board:**

**6** years

**Offices held:**

President and  
Vice President

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

### Election Statement:

Michigan must provide a safe learning environment where every student receives a stimulating curriculum of opportunities including academics, arts, sciences, trades and extracurricular offerings guided by highly skilled instructors. We must provide each student with a foundation in reading, writing and mathematics to build upon and unleash their creativity to work in positions not yet created, solving problems that do not yet exist.

My experiences as a classroom teacher, central office administrator for operations and as a school superintendent provide me a multifaceted base of understanding to advocate for student needs and innovative solutions to the myriad of challenges faced in education today.

I am concerned about the fracturing relationship between schools and parents; we need to strengthen this partnership and focus on what is best for students. Schools need to be listening to and involving parents, sharing research and jointly developing strong curriculum. Parents are our strongest ally.

I want to serve on the MASB Board of Directors to make a difference for the students of Michigan. I currently serve our community youth by volunteering on the boards of Court Appointed Special Advocates, Barry County Community Mental Health Authority, Barry Intermediate School District and the Family Support Center of Barry County. I also have served on the MASB Government Relations Committee advocating for positive change for Michigan students. Serving on the MASB Board of

Directors would allow me the opportunity to partner with other strong advocates for Michigan education to make a difference for Michigan children.

# Region 6 (Three-Year Term)



**Pamela Dickinson** INCUMBENT

**Comstock Public Schools, Kalamazoo County**

**Time served  
on this board:**

**10** years

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President, and  
Treasurer

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

Master Diamond Award

Advocacy Specialty

Data Specialty

## Election Statement:

Greetings, my name is Pamela Dickinson. I am a member of the Comstock Public Schools Board of Education where I have served as President for the last five years and a board member for nine years.

My professional and personal experiences as a parent, community leader and advocate for public education have prepared me well for the role to represent Region 6.

I would like to continue to serve on the MASB Board of Directors as the Region 6 representative. I currently serve as a Member At-Large on the MASB Board of Directors. I am acutely aware of the many challenges facing our districts as well as the many issues school boards share. I understand the expectation and demands put upon us as servant leaders by our respective communities. I believe that I can make a difference as an advocate at the state level.

As a school board member, I am committed to building equity and creating excellent education opportunities for all students in our state. I bring my passion, experience and commitment to the MASB Board of Directors. I thank you for considering me as a candidate, and I look forward to earning your vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Dickinson

Region 6 Representative Candidate



# Region 6 (Three-Year Term)



## Elizabeth O'Dell

**St. Joseph County ISD, St. Joseph County**

**Time served  
on this board:**

**26** years

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President, and  
Treasurer

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

Master Diamond Award

### **Election Statement:**

I believe the MASB is our collective voice on education at the state level and it provides board members with the opportunity to be informed on educational issues.

I believe it is the Director for the Region's role to ensure that your voice is heard as MASB discusses issues and concerns.

I want to represent you as the Director for Region 6. I have served as an active member of the St. Joseph County ISD for 26 years. I have taken advantage of the opportunities to learn about best practices in how to serve and support the education process in our communities. I have obtained the level 5, Master Diamond award. In my 26 years on the board, I have served in a variety of positions from member of the board to President of the board. My interest and advocacy began when my children entered kindergarten and continues to this day.

I have worked with the parent teacher association, band and athletic booster clubs. I have served on the special education advisory committee. I am an advocate and ally in local, regional and state education. In my county, I have had the pleasure to serve as a delegate to the board membership for MASB membership meetings. I have learned through this process what various boards are concerned about as they present resolutions and amendments to the Board of Directors, which has deepened my understanding of how our collective needs are connected.

I have and will continue to advocate for a strong public education. I along with my children are products of public education. I obtained my bachelor's degree from Ball State University and my graduate degree from Western Michigan University.

Service, advocacy, listening and striving to assist others to make positive change is not new to me. I am a retired CEO of St. Joseph County Community Mental Health and currently use my time as a volunteer for Red Cross Disaster Relief, local substitute teaching and a variety of social action service through my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

I am seeking this position to voice the needs of our small and large communities. I am a champion for public education and with your vote, I can take my commitment to this service to the next level.

## Region 6 (Three-Year Term)



### Andrew Robinson

Berrien RESA, Berrien County

**Time served  
on this board:**

**3** years

**Offices held:**

Treasurer

### Election Statement:

I believe education is crucial to strengthening and revitalizing communities, especially communities of color. The rise of technology has amplified the need for education in providing all youth with the skills, knowledge and competency to solve complex human problems. This type of education can propel them to become entrepreneurs; illustrious employees of corporations, healthcare systems, or financial institutions; or leaders of industry who can radically move our nation forward in developing cutting-edge and innovative solutions. Additionally, this level of education can aid our youth in becoming teachers or service leaders who can encourage future youth to braze new frontiers.

MASB plays a significant role in driving this type of education through the expansion of educational programming and services to equip and empower our kids to dream and achieve big. MASB bridges learning gaps by advocating for resources to aid school leaders and districts in creating educational environments that foster growth. This is the reason I would be honored to join the MASB Board of Directors.

Both my education and current work have prepared me to do so. I am on the verge of receiving my Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership and Development. This milestone has prepared me to assist agencies and institutions in shaping their vision and developing best practices to generate organizational sustainability and drive maximum results, outcomes and metrics. This is evident in my work with Mosaic CCDA and Emerge Innovation Hub. Both nonprofit organizations are devoted to training and providing individuals with the resources to achieve their dreams and think big. Mosaic, a workforce and community development agency in Benton Harbor, and Emerge, an entrepreneurial support organization in Southwest Michigan, create environments of hope, learning and growth for hundreds of future employees and entrepreneurs each year and empower them to become successful contributors to society.

# Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



## Sharon Lee

Ypsilanti Community Schools, Washtenaw County

**Time served  
on this board:**

**9** years

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President, and  
Secretary

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

Master Diamond Award

Advocacy Specialty

Data Specialty

### Election Statement:

As a candidate for the MASB Board of Directors, my commitment to education is evident through my nine years of dedicated service on the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education, where I currently hold the position of Vice President. My extensive experience in educational governance has provided me with valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing our schools.

I am deeply involved in the Michigan Association of School Boards, participating in various board subcommittees and actively engaging with the community at district events. My volunteer work at Joyful Treats Community Development Corp., led by Ms. Khadija Wallace, underscores my commitment to serving the broader community. By distributing food to the Ypsilanti Community and surrounding areas,

I contribute to the well-being of our residents beyond the realm of education.

Student safety is a top priority for me. I am proud of our collective effort to empower teachers, administrators, and staff through training programs such as A.L.I.C.E., Threat Assessment and Mental Health First Aid. Ensuring a secure environment for our students is crucial, and I am committed to fostering a culture that prioritizes their well-being.

One of the pressing issues we face is youth homelessness. Research has highlighted the alarming rates of homelessness among young adults, a situation that demands our immediate attention. While Ypsilanti Community Schools has commendable programs addressing this concern, I believe that a collaborative, all-encompassing approach is necessary. I am determined to work towards expanding and enhancing initiatives to support homeless youth, ensuring they have the resources and opportunities they need to break free from the cycle of homelessness.

In seeking a position on the MASB Board of Directors, my goal is to leverage my experience, passion, and dedication to effect positive change in education. I believe in the power of collaboration and aim to bring diverse perspectives to the table to address the multifaceted challenges our schools face. I am committed to making informed decisions that benefit all stakeholders, with a focus on student success, safety and well-being. Your vote for me is a vote for a stronger, more inclusive education system that prepares our youth for a brighter future. Together, let's build a foundation for excellence in education and ensure that no student is left behind.

# Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



## Michael McVey

### Saline Area Schools, Washtenaw County

#### Time served on this board:

**7** years

#### Offices held:

President, Vice  
President, and  
Secretary

#### MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

Master Diamond Award

Master Platinum Award

President's Award of Recognition

Advocacy Specialty

### Election Statement:

It has been my honor to have spent over 40 years serving students, teachers, schools and educational organizations. I have gained a wealth of experience that has served me well during my service as a trustee.

I began my career in the classroom as an ELA and Special Education teacher. I also taught ESL for a year in Japan. After authoring a book for teachers and parents, "Meeting the Internet Challenge," I shifted gears to help train teachers at The University of Arizona. I earned a doctorate in Education and trained to be a school administrator.

That career path was altered when I became a professor of Teacher Education at Eastern Michigan University. In that role, I earned a reputation for my ability to explain policy issues and plan strategically. Most recently, I have been working with faculty and students as we manage both the disruption and the potential of AI in our classrooms.

Seven years ago, I sought a seat on our local school board because I wanted to be part of an engaged board focused on the needs of our students and the community. I was pleased to discover that the solid expertise of MASB was there to assist us as we worked through our district's challenges.

Since I was elected trustee for Saline Area Schools, I have served as that board's Secretary, Vice President and President. I was also the Washtenaw Association of School Boards president.

From my first day as a trustee, I embraced MASB's CBA program and was recently notified that I will receive the President's Award this spring. I am honored by that recognition.

MASB takes principled stances on current educational issues and provides much-needed guidance about legislative initiatives. I recently began serving on the Governmental Relations Committee and have enjoyed our vigorous debates in service of the districts we serve.

MASB has offered clear guidance, excellent legal support and superb trustee development. For those (and other) reasons, I am proud to run for a seat on its Board of Directors and to represent Region 7. Service on the Board of Directors would provide me an excellent opportunity to help MASB stay the course and continue providing such excellent support to newly elected and long-serving trustees.

# Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



## Jack Temsey

Eaton RESA, Eaton County

**Time served  
on this board :**

**7** years

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President, Secretary  
and Treasurer

**Time served on  
another board :**

**8** years

Potterville  
Public Schools

**Offices held:**

Secretary and  
Treasurer

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award  
Award of Merit  
Award of Distinction  
Master Boardmember Award  
Master Diamond Award  
Master Platinum Award  
Advocacy Specialty  
Data Specialty

## Election Statement:

As a Board of Education Trustee, I feel we are the voice for our children. We need to utilize this voice to ensure we can offer our children the education they deserve, regardless of the struggles we face behind the scenes. We need to direct this voice to those that create legislation we feel will adversely affect public education and remember to offer praise to those that show us favor and offer to help. I believe the voice of our boards and communities can make a difference.

I have strived to become the best board member I can be. The way I have tried to accomplish this is to become certified through the MASB's CBA program. I have gained a wealth of knowledge by attending classes, conferences and other various events as well as networking with board members from around the state.

Public education is as diverse as our country. There are no single fix-all solutions that work for every school district. I feel bringing the voice of small communities and small districts to the forefront is important. I would like to continue advocating to provide adequate and equitable funding for ALL districts. Adequate funding is sufficient funding to provide basic schooling. Equitable funding is based on fairness.

I have served the Potterville Public Schools Board of Education for eight years. During this time, I served on the Policy, Community Relations and Technology Committees, as well as Secretary and Treasurer of the board. I have been an Eaton RESA Trustee for seven years, serving on the Building and Grounds and Finance and Audit Committees as well as Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer. I am currently serving again as President.

Additionally, I have served MASB as a member of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Government Relations Committee plus served as its Vice Chairman. I just concluded my term on the Resolutions and Bylaws committee as its Vice Chairman and am currently serving again on the Government Relations Committee.

I would be honored to serve on the MASB Board of Directors, to represent you, our Region, and our students plus bring your voices to the table to further benefit the future for public education.

# Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



## Mary Vincent

**Monroe Public Schools, Monroe County**

**Time served  
on this board:**

**2** years

**Offices held:**

Secretary

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Advocacy Specialty

Data Specialty

### Election Statement:

#### BACKGROUND:

I earned my bachelor's degree in K-12 music education and my master's degree in K-12 administration and educational leadership. I was a public-school music teacher in southeast Michigan for 16 years – I have taught all grade levels, Y5 - 12, and a variety of content areas including general music, band, entrepreneurship and technology. My years of service have given me insights into the changing needs of our students, the new realities in our classrooms, and the important roles teachers, support staff and administrators play in the lives of our students and our community.

I serve on the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education and I am entering my second year as board secretary. I enjoy learning and I take every opportunity to educate myself about effective governance and how to be an effective board member. Since May 2023, I have earned an Award of Merit, Data Specialty, Advocacy Specialty and I am a member of the MASB Resolutions and Bylaws Committee.

#### PERSPECTIVES ON EDUCATION:

I believe our institutions are compelled to provide educational experiences and environments where all students and families are valued and supported. It is my belief that curricula and learning opportunities must provide high-quality content that reflects the people, the histories and the experiences of the communities we serve. I believe children are more than test scores and that school districts, along with community partners, need to prioritize individual student growth and well-being above summarized standardized test data.

#### WHY I WISH TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

One of my main goals as a board member is to advocate for our students and families by amplifying the voices of our school community members. I view the opportunity to serve on the MASB Board of Directors to continue this work on a larger scale. Region 7 embodies complex diversity, and my goal is to express the distinct needs represented in our districts at the MASB board table.

There is significant potential to increase MASB organizational engagement in southeastern Michigan. Increased association engagement will have a ripple effect. Increased MASB participation leads to increased board member development which leads to more effective governance which leads to positive trends in district outcomes. I believe serving on the Board of Directors will provide the needed stimulus to initiate conversations surrounding MASB opportunities while strengthening the network connecting our area school boards.

# Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



**Dale Wingerd** INCUMBENT

**Clinton Community Schools, Lenawee County**

**Time served  
on this board:**

**17** years

**Offices held:**

President and  
Secretary

**Time served on  
another board:**

**2** years  
Lenawee ISD

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

Master Diamond Award

Master Platinum Award

President's Award of Recognition

## Election Statement:

I would like to continue serving on the MASB Board of Directors for Region 7. Education is important to me. Serving as a director, I have continued to expand my knowledge as well as serving the learners of the great state of Michigan. I feel you never have enough knowledge; continued learning is important.

I have served on several committees through my two terms with MASB. If I am reelected, I will continue to provide guidance to the learners of this great state of Michigan.

## Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



### Melandie Hines

Wayne Westland Community Schools, Wayne County

**Time served  
on this board:**

**10** years

**Offices held:**

Vice President  
and Secretary

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

### Election Statement:

I have served on the Wayne Westland Board of Education for 10 years. In 2018, I was able to get a \$150 million bond passed successfully in six communities: Wayne, Westland, Dearborn Heights, Romulus and Inkster. I am a Master Boardmember with MASB. Additionally, I just got a \$24.5 million bond passed for the Westwood Community Schools. I'm working on a skill trades program with the Taylor Career Technical Center. I enjoy helping to bring funds to the local school districts. I am a true public servant.



# Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



**Birgit McQuiston** INCUMBENT

**Lake Orion Community Schools, Oakland County**

**Time served  
on this board:**

**12** years

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President, and  
Secretary

**MASB Certification:**

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember Award

Master Diamond Award

Master Platinum Award

President's Award of Recognition

Advocacy Specialty

Data Specialty

## Election Statement:

I believe our children are our future, and advocating for their education while leading our districts is our high calling. Serving on the Lake Orion Board of Education, the Oakland County School Boards Association Board of Directors and the MASB Board of Directors is a distinct privilege that I value and am deeply committed to.

In my three years on the MASB Board of Directors, I have served on the Executive, Finance and Policy Committees. I currently serve as the Chair of the Government Relations Committee and have been appointed by the State Board of Education as the MASB representative to a three-year term on the Special Education Advisory Committee, which advises the State Board and the Michigan Department of Education on the needs of students with special challenges. I have learned so much by serving my community, county and state and hope to continue serving in these areas.

It is my desire to be a part of the ongoing work of developing outstanding board leaders and to advocate for equitable and exceptional public education for ALL students. I fully support and embrace the vision and mission of MASB. It would be an honor to continue serving Region 8 on the MASB Board of Directors.

# Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



## Evelyn Pridemore

Redford Union School District, Wayne County

**Time served  
on this board:**

**11** years

**Offices held:**

President, Vice  
President,  
Secretary and  
Treasurer

### Election Statement:

I have served my local district for almost 12 years and have discovered a passion for the work of creating equitable education opportunities for every student in the state of Michigan. I have been through deficit, declining enrollment and the unprecedented changes COVID brought to education. I have held every position from trustee to my current role as President. In addition, I was recently appointed to the leadership team for WCASB. I have helped guide my district through two superintendent searches, a multi-million-dollar bond initiative, served on policy, finance, curriculum and facilities committees.

On a personal note, I have a wonderful husband of 36 years, three amazing sons, two beautiful daughters-in-law and the joy of my life three awesome grandbabies. I say all of that to say this: every single child from my special needs grandson to my little baby granddaughter should have people fighting for their right to quality education. In addition to the children, the people who choose every day to enter a school building and pour into the lives this state's most valuable asset deserve to work in environments that are well funded, top in the country and where their daily sacrifices are valued.



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