



MASB
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OF SCHOOL BOARDS



**BOARD *of*
DIRECTORS
ELECTIONS**

2025

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, eight seats on the MASB Board of Directors are up for election.

The MASB Board of Directors is comprised of 23 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 (two-year term), 3, 4, 6 (open seat; one-year term), 7, 8 (open seat) and Groups V and VI. If you're unsure of your district's region or group, please see the list on page 2.

- **Region 1 will continue to be represented by Kristen Cambensy, Marquette Area Public Schools, (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)**
- **Group VI will continue to be represented by Marc Siegler, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, (unopposed, no ballots will be sent)**

Voting in Regions 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 Friday, Jan. 24, 2025. 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 5, 2025.**

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 14, 2025, Board of Directors' meeting, which newly elected directors should plan to attend.

To summarize:

- Ballot deadline is **1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.**
- 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 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.

Region 6 (One-Year Term)



TiAnna Harrison

Kalamazoo Public Schools, Kalamazoo County

Time served on this board:

10 years

Offices held:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award
Award of Merit
Award of Distinction
Master Boardmember
Master Diamond

Election Statement:

My name is TiAnna Harrison, and as the current Board President for Kalamazoo Public Schools Board of Education, I bring over a decade of governance and leadership experience. Appointed in 2014, and reelected in 2020, I have had the honor of serving my community in various capacities, including Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Through these positions, I have had a firsthand view of the challenges and opportunities in education, especially as we work to ensure all students have equitable access to high-quality learning experiences.

My experience serving in a district with diverse needs has given me a comprehensive understanding of the complexities facing school boards across Michigan, and I believe I can bring valuable insights to MASB. I am passionate about the power of public education to transform lives. Our work as school board members is critical in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education, no matter where they live.

From advocating for equitable funding to addressing the mental health needs of students, the role of school boards has never been more important. Through my years of service, I have seen firsthand how strategic decision-making, thoughtful governance, and strong community partnerships can improve outcomes for students. I am seeking a seat on the MASB Board of Directors because I believe that the challenges we face in Michigan's education system require a unified and strategic approach.

I am particularly focused on the importance of state-level policies that allow local school boards to address the unique needs of their districts. I want to ensure that Michigan school boards have the tools and support they need to make informed decisions that benefit all students.

From ensuring equitable funding to supporting the mental and emotional well-being of students and staff, I am eager to contribute my experience and insights to support school boards across the state and advocate for policies that will create better outcomes for Michigan's children.

I would be honored to not only serve on the MASB Board of Directors, but also to continue advocating for policies that prioritize the needs of students, support educators, and strengthen our communities. Together, we can ensure that every Michigan student has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

TiAnna L. Harrison

Kalamazoo Public Schools

Trustee – Board of Education



Region 6 (One-Year Term)

Elizabeth O'Dell

St. Joseph County ISD, St. Joseph County

Time served on this board:

27 years

Offices held:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

- Certified Boardmember Award
- Award of Merit
- Award of Distinction
- Master Boardmember
- Master Diamond

Election Statement:

The MASB is our collective voice on education at the state level, and it allows board members to be informed about educational issues. I think the Director for the Region's role is to ensure that our voice is heard as the MASB discusses issues and concerns. The Past President, Kathleen Moore, was able to model how to accomplish that task positively. I cannot fill her shoes; I am unsure if anyone can.

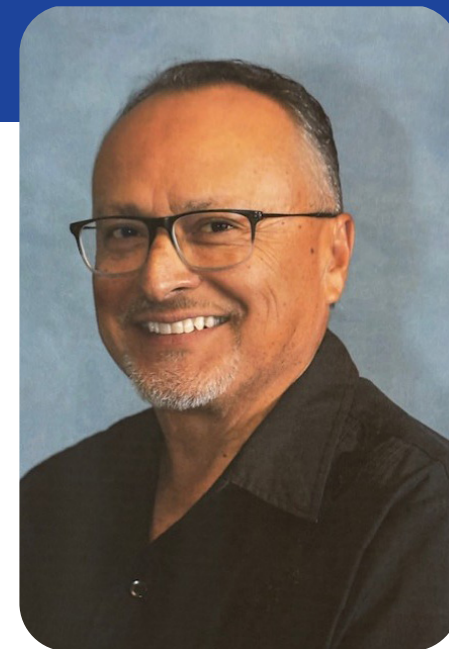
I have been an active St. Joseph County ISD member for 27 years. I have taken advantage of opportunities to learn about best practices for serving and supporting the education process in our communities. I have held various positions, from member to president.

I have worked with the parent-teacher association, band, and athletic booster clubs. I have served on the special education advisory committee. I have enjoyed serving as a delegate to MASB membership meetings in my county. Through this process, I have learned 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. My children and I are products of public education. I obtained my bachelor's degree from Ball State University and my graduate degree from Western Michigan University.

I am not new to service, advocacy, listening, and striving to assist others to make positive change. I am a retired CEO of St. Joseph County Community Mental Health and use my time currently as a volunteer in my church, for American Red Cross Disaster Relief, as a substitute teacher, as well as working with a variety of social action services through my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

I am seeking this position to advocate for 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 7 (Three-Year Term)

Guillermo Z Lopez INCUMBENT

Lansing School District, Ingham County

Time served on this board:

24 years

Offices held:

President, and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

- Certified Boardmember Award
- Award of Merit
- Award of Distinction
- Master Boardmember

Election Statement:

As we welcome the new year, we are also aware that changes in education funding from the federal government are very possible. As your director from Region 7, I will work closely with our MASB staff and pay close attention to how these changes may affect our educational system here in Michigan. I will also continue to support the work MASB has done in the area of equity in education in all its forms. Additionally, I will continue supporting districts that need training but are not in a position to cover the costs. I very much appreciate MASB staff who are continually looking at ways that we can expand these funding efforts. Finally, I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter coming directly from Region 7.

Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



Cory McLaughlin

Jefferson Schools, Monroe County

Time served on this board:

11 years

Offices held:

President and Secretary

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember (CBA 101)

Election Statement:

Since joining the Jefferson School Board in 2014, I have been dedicated to ensuring that every decision we make is in the best interest of our students. I am passionate about creating opportunities for all learners and believe that every child deserves access to a high-quality education that meets their unique needs and aspirations.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are a priority for me because they provide students with real-world skills and open doors to meaningful careers. I also strongly advocate for advanced classes to challenge and inspire high-achieving students, ensuring they are prepared for post-secondary education and beyond. Equally important is my commitment to special education, as I believe every child, regardless of ability, deserves the resources and support to thrive.

My experience on the Jefferson School Board has taught me the importance of collaboration, fiscal responsibility and community engagement. I bring a student-centered approach to decision-making and strive to build partnerships that benefit our schools. Serving on the MASB Board of Directors would allow me to expand this work, sharing best practices and advocating for policies that empower all districts to succeed.

I am running for this position because I am deeply committed to advancing education in Michigan and ensuring that every child has access to the tools and opportunities they need to achieve their full potential.

Region 7 (Three-Year Term)



Jack Temsey

Eaton RESA, Eaton County

Time served on another board:

8 years

Potterville Public Schools

Offices held:

Secretary and Treasurer

Time served on this board:

8 years

Offices held:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember

Master Diamond

Master Platinum

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 that we face behind the scenes.

We need to direct this voice to those who create legislation that we feel will adversely affect public education, as well as remember to offer praise to those who 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. One of the ways that I have tried to accomplish this is by becoming 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 that 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 previously 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. I have been an Eaton RESA Trustee for eight 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 and Government Relations Committee plus served as its Vice Chairman, also on the Resolutions and Bylaws committee, and as its Vice Chairman. I am currently serving again on the Government Relations Committee as its Vice Chairman.

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

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



Jason Babbage

Allen Park Public Schools, Wayne County

Time served
on this board:

2 years

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award
Award of Merit

Election Statement:

I am an alumnus and lifelong resident of the Allen Park Public School District. Family and education are at the top of my interests, loves and passions, and certainly go hand in hand with the MASB Board of Directors position for Region 8. Inspired by family members holding political positions leading the way and showing me what it is to serve the community; I can only hope to follow in their footsteps and use my unique position and family connections to influence policy.

I am looking forward to serving on the MASB Board of Directors to help promote a unified and communitive board of directors that focuses on the major issues facing us in the educational community. Some of these issues include unfunded policies, declining enrollment, higher education standards, advances in educational technology, and more. To navigate these issues, we need to be open to change and willing to support new ideas whether it is adding sensory rooms or going from textbooks to technology.

I hold a master's degree in automotive systems engineering and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from U-M Dearborn, and work at Ford Motor Company as an engineer in exterior automotive lighting and am considered one of the top experts in headlamp aim (HLA). I achieved my MASB Level 2 award of merit and look forward to getting more MASB classes under my belt. I have two children attending Allen Park schools and it's family that's been the driving force of involvement in the community and schools.

I would like to serve on the MASB Board of Directors because I believe I will bring a different perspective, drive and policy influence that will be beneficial to Region 8.

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



Anisha Hannah

Pontiac School District, Oakland County

Time served
on this board:

3 years

Offices held:

President and
Secretary

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember
Award of Merit
Award of Distinction

Election Statement:

I view education as the key to unlocking the door of possibilities. I believe that every child should have access to a quality education. One that will equip them with the skills and knowledge to lead productive, fruitful lives and make a positive contribution to society. I believe that every student can learn; some may require the use of different methodologies. My concern about the educational system is that too much emphasis has been placed on test scores as opposed to the success of the whole child.

Currently, as the Director of Strategic Partnership & Initiatives with the Pontiac Collective Impact Partnership, I lead collaborative efforts with nonprofits, government agencies, and educational institutions to enhance economic and academic outcomes. In this role, I have successfully developed initiatives and set goals for the City of Pontiac with partners that support Oakland County's goal of 80 by 30, ensuring program sustainability and growth. My experience as Board President with the City of Pontiac School Board of Education has further honed my ability to manage complex budgets, engage with diverse stakeholders, and advocate for initiatives that benefit community members from various socioeconomic backgrounds. These experiences have equipped me with the skills to identify challenges, implement data-driven improvements, and ensure that programs achieve measurable outcomes.

It is my desire to serve on the MASB Board of Directors to provide a voice for the minority students that reside in lower socioeconomic backgrounds. The views and opinions of minority students and families are often overlooked and unheard. Serving on the MASB Board of Directors would allow me the opportunity to represent a demographic and community who benefits the most from public education.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to learn and contribute to impactful programs and policies that will support children in Michigan's school districts.

I am eager to bring my dedication to education and the Pontiac community to the MASB platform.

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



Paul Kolin

Bloomfield Hills Schools, Oakland County

Time served on this board:

10 years

Offices held:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award
Award of Merit
Award of Distinction

Election Statement:

Education is the cornerstone of our society, shaping not only the minds of the next generation but also the future of our communities and the world. I believe that a high-quality education system equips students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive, fosters critical thinking, and nurtures a lifelong love of learning. Beyond academics, education must prepare individuals to engage as informed, empathetic and responsible citizens.

My passion for education stems from witnessing its transformative power in my own life and in the lives of others. I firmly believe that every child deserves access to equitable opportunities, regardless of their background or circumstances. This requires a commitment to removing barriers, supporting educators, and fostering innovative practices that address the diverse needs of all learners.

Serving on the MASB board is an opportunity to advocate for these values at a broader level. The Michigan Association of School Boards plays a pivotal role in strengthening public education by providing leadership, governance and support to local districts. As a board member, I would work collaboratively to ensure that policies and resources are aligned with the goal of fostering student success and community engagement.

My background in Bloomfield Hills for the last 10 years and being a teacher in the past has equipped me with the skills to navigate complex challenges, analyze data-driven solutions, and build consensus among diverse stakeholders. I am committed to listening to educators, parents, and students to understand their needs and bring their voices to the decision-making table.

By serving on the MASB board, I hope to contribute to a shared vision of educational excellence, ensuring that every child in Michigan receives the education they deserve. Together, we can create a stronger future for our students and our communities.

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



Roderick Means

Westwood Community School District, Wayne County

Time served on this board:

28 years

Offices held:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award
Award of Merit
Award of Distinction
Master Boardmember
Master Diamond
Master Platinum
President's Award

Election Statement:

As a passionate advocate for quality education, my vision for our educational system centers on equity, innovation and community engagement. Every student, regardless of background, should have access to high-quality educational opportunities that prepare them for future success. My primary concerns include addressing disparities in educational resources, integrating technology, and fostering strong partnerships within our communities.

As a single parent of two young boys, I began as a little league baseball and football coach. I served a Cub and Boy Scout leader, from Tiger Cub Coordinator to Cubmaster and Assistance Boy Scout leader. I served on many Athletic and booster clubs in the High School. I spearheaded initiatives that improved academic outcomes and strengthened community ties. For the last 20 years, I have worked as an Application Developer at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, gaining valuable insights into educational technology.

I have actively contributed to the field of education beyond my immediate roles by serving on various MASB committees, including Government Relations, Bylaws and Policy, and Board Leadership and Training. These committees have allowed me to work collaboratively on critical issues affecting our schools and have deepened my understanding of governance and policy frameworks. Additionally, I have served as an MASB Board Mentor, supporting new board members in their roles and fostering effective leadership and governance.

My decision to seek a position on the MASB Board of Directors stems from a deep commitment to effecting systemic change. Serving on the board will allow me to leverage my experience to advocate for equitable funding, support professional development for educators, and integrate technology to enhance learning. I am dedicated to fostering transparency and accountability to ensure that all decisions are in the best interest of our students. In conclusion, my extensive experience in education, coupled with my dedication to improving our educational system, uniquely positions me to contribute meaningfully to the MASB Board of Directors. I am eager to drive positive change, support our educators, and ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



Randel Meisner

Fitzgerald Public Schools, Macomb County

Time served
on this board:

12 years

Offices held:

Vice President,
Secretary and
Treasurer

MASB Certification:

- Certified Boardmember Award
- Award of Merit
- Award of Distinction
- Master Boardmember
- Master Diamond
- Master Platinum
- President's Award

Election Statement:

CONCERNS: We need sustainable funding for public education at all levels. Teacher retention. Teacher shortages. Full funding for special education. Offset the MPSERS cost.

EXPERIENCE: MISD Legislative Committee, MISD Budget Review, participate in annual legislative strategic planning sessions. Attend the state Annual Leadership Conferences and National School Board Conferences. Awarded the MASB President's Award.

I would appreciate a chance to serve on the MASB board of directors so that I can add a fresh viewpoint to the board. I enjoy working with other board members for a common goal.

Region 8 (Three-Year Term)



Scott Wallace

Fraser Public Schools

Time served
on this board:

8 years

Offices held:

President, Vice
President and
Treasurer

MASB Certification:

- Certified Boardmember Award
- Award of Merit
- Award of Distinction
- Master Boardmember

Election Statement:

Region 8 is comprised of many different students with many different backgrounds, and all deserve a quality education regardless of where they live.

I am proud to serve in the same district where I, and my three children, have graduated from. I am an Eagle Scout and have coached soccer and basketball as well as served as an officer on the Board of Directors for the Fraser Soccer Club for four years. I have been the President of Fraser Public Schools Board of Education since 2022 and a board member since 2017.

I have worked with the MASB since becoming a school board member and have seen the many good things that come from us all working towards making education in Michigan better for all of our kids.

Working on the MASB legislative committee for three years I got to see up close how important it is for us to continue to be heard in Lansing and I hope to take this opportunity to continue making sure our region's concerns are heard. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.



Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

Ursula (Wester) Rogers

Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County

Time served
on this board:

8 years

Offices held:

President, Secretary
and Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award
Award of Merit
Award of Distinction
Master Boardmember

Election Statement:

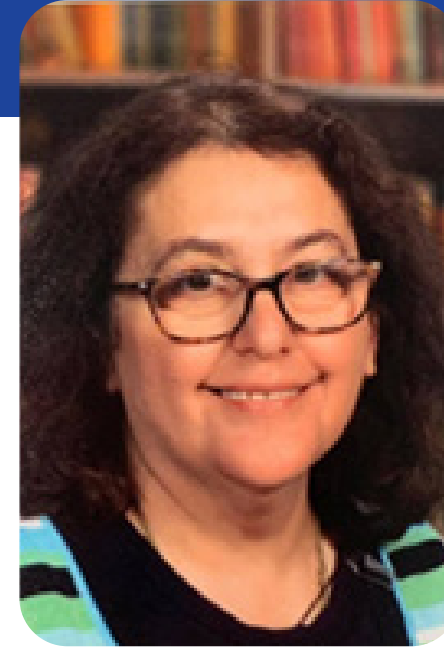
I am deeply passionate about ensuring that every student in Michigan has access to a high-quality, equitable education. However, there are significant challenges that must be addressed, including disparities in funding, access to resources, and the growing mental health needs of students. These issues disproportionately impact students from marginalized communities, and I firmly believe it is our collective responsibility to create a system that is inclusive, supportive, and designed to meet the needs of all learners.

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working in various educational settings, including as a substitute teacher, secretary, human resources professional, and school board member. These roles have provided me with a firsthand understanding of the challenges educators face, from budget cuts to the increasing demands on teachers' time and resources. Additionally, I have served on committees focused on policy, human resources, school improvement, and curriculum, gaining valuable insights into the intricacies of school governance.

Beyond my professional experience, I have been actively involved with the Romulus Athletic Club for 24 years as treasurer and cheerleading coach for a youth football organization. This work has allowed me to connect with students in alternative ways, providing them with positive outlets to compete, grow, and discover what drives them. Through all of these experiences, I have gained a comprehensive understanding of how local school boards can influence state and national education policies. These experiences have strengthened my expertise in governance and advocacy, which I believe would be an asset to the MASB Board of Directors.

I wish to serve on the MASB Board of Directors because I am committed to ensuring that Michigan's school boards have the tools, resources, and support they need to advocate effectively for students. MASB is uniquely positioned to unite school boards across the state to address shared challenges, promote best practices, and advocate for policies that improve funding, access to resources, and student outcomes. I am eager to collaborate with fellow board members to create lasting, positive change for Michigan's students and educators.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.



Region 8 (Three-Year Term)

Lisa Valerio-Nowc

Clintondale Community Schools, Macomb County

Time served
on this board:

2 years

Offices held:

Secretary

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award
Award of Merit

Election Statement:

As a librarian for over thirty years with experiences in school libraries, and in the classroom, I understand the complex issues in education today. Teachers and students are finding their classrooms changing almost daily with new technology, apps and tools that, at times, seem overwhelming. Added to this are the challenges that are faced every day of surviving in a society that seems to be controlled by "notifications" on our phones and computers. My aim is to make my school district a safe place to learn and grow. With this in mind, as a MASB Board member, I believe that my contributions will aid the organization in finding meaningful solutions that will help schools support their communities better.

Education is not just a word that conveys what a person learns. It is what that person does with the education that makes an impact on our community and world. It is an honor to be a part of a profession that guides the next generation. I have been a School Librarian, Library Director of Baker College, and served in leadership positions in public libraries. Currently, I am the Assistant Manager/Children's Librarian at Chaney Branch/Detroit Public Library. In each of these positions I have made it a goal to help children and adults with their lifelong pursuit of learning. In my opinion, once you stop learning, you stop growing.

In closing, it is without a doubt in my mind that I am qualified and ready to serve as a Board of Director member for the MASB. I am ready to serve and make a positive impact with the organization.



MISSION

To provide high-quality educational leadership 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.

VISION

A well-governed, effective public school for every Michigan student.

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