



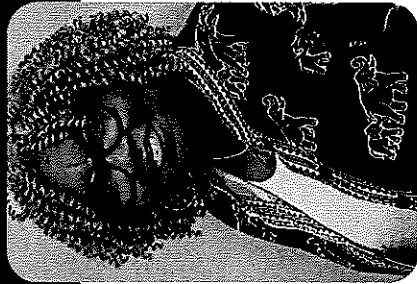
MASB
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOL BOARDS



BOARD *of*
DIRECTORS
ELECTIONS

2025

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)

Region 7 (Three-Year Term)

Jack Temsey

Eaton RESA, Eaton County

Time served on
another board:

8 years

Pottersville
Public Schools

Offices held:
Secretary and
Treasurer

MASB Certification:

Certified Boardmember Award

Award of Merit

Award of Distinction

Master Boardmember

Master Diamond

Master Platinum

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.

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 Pottersville 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.