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Good afternoon Superintendents and Executive Assistants,

The individual listed below has filed as a candidate for the one 6-year term seat open for the 2026 Oakland Schools Board of Education Biennial Election.

- Hauff, Gary

Oakland Schools board members are elected by an electoral body composed of one (1) person designated by the board of each constituent school district. The Revised School Code prescribes that each constituent school district board must designate a representative to this electoral body by adopting a resolution that will:

1. Designate a person to vote in the election on behalf of the local district board.
2. Direct the designee as to which candidate(s) the local district board supports to fill the open seat(s).
3. Direct the designee to vote for the individual(s), at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body.

Designated electors must cast their ballots **in person** at the election scheduled to take place between 5:30–7:30 PM on Monday, June 1, 2026 at the Oakland Schools Conference Center located at 2111 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. **The revised ISD election law prohibits the acceptance of absentee ballots.**

According to the Revised School Code, districts shall consider the resolution at no less than one (1) meeting before adopting the resolution. Districts have interpreted this language differently and historically have used one of the following three options to consider and adopt their resolutions:

- Consider the resolution as a discussion item during an open meeting and adopt the resolution as an action item during another open meeting, with each meeting occurring on a separate date.

- Consider the resolution as a discussion item during an open meeting and adopt the resolution as an action item during a second open meeting immediately following the first open meeting.
- Consider the resolution as a discussion item and adopt the resolution as an action item at the same open meeting. Local school districts selecting this option should seek independent legal counsel confirming a singular open meeting to consider and adopt a resolution is compliant with Revised School Code.

According to the Revised School Code, districts must adopt their resolutions no earlier than twenty-one (21) days prior to the election. After your board has adopted its resolution on or after May 11, 2026 as prescribed by the Revised School Code, please submit a copy of the resolution to the Oakland Schools' Superintendent's office via email to nicole.christian@oakland.k12.mi.us **by 4 PM on Friday, May 29, 2026.** Please note that no approved resolutions shall be accepted after this time/date. If the resolution is not filed, the constituent district will be unable to cast a vote during the June 1 election.

Attached is a copy of the Revised School Code, a sample resolution template to designate your district's representative and selection of candidates, and the election timeline reflecting that district resolutions must be adopted and provided to Oakland Schools between **May 11 - 29, 2026.** An official notice of this election will be sent to your board of education secretary via certified mail.

If you have any questions regarding board elections or the ISD board election process please contact Heather Odinga at 248.209.2470 or by email at Heather.Odinga@oakland.k12.mi.us.

Thank you.

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Oakland Schools Board of Education 2026 Election Timeline

December 2025:

Candidates may pick up nominating petitions and affidavit forms at the Oakland County Clerk's Office, Elections Division [1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 417, Pontiac, MI 48341].

May 1, 2026 – 4:00 PM:

Deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions, filing fees, and Affidavits of Identity with the Oakland County Clerk's Office, Elections Division.

May 4, 2026:

Oakland Schools receives Official Candidate List from Oakland County Clerk's Office, Elections Division. Oakland Schools sends list of candidates to constituent district superintendents and executive assistants to the superintendents.

May 11 - 29, 2026:

Each constituent district board of education must:

- 1) Designate its representative(s) and identify the ISD candidate(s) its board supports.
- 2) Consider and adopt a resolution affirming #1. Each board must consider its resolution at not less than one (1) public meeting before adopting the resolution.

May 29, 2026 – 4:00 PM:

Copies of district resolutions due to the Oakland Schools Superintendent's office via fax (248.209.2206) or email (Nicole.Christian@oakland.k12.mi.us). **Please note that no approved resolutions shall be accepted after this time/date. If the resolution is not filed, the constituent district will be unable to cast a vote during the June 1 election.**

June 1, 2026 – 5:30-7:30 PM:

District representatives attend Oakland Schools Board of Education Biennial Board Election open meeting to cast ballot(s) on behalf of their districts. ***No absentee ballots can be accepted.***

June 2, 2026:

Notification of election results sent from Oakland Schools to constituent district superintendents, executive assistants to the superintendents, and the Oakland County Clerk's Office, Elections Division.

July 7, 2026:

Successful candidates take *Oath of Office* at Oakland Schools Board of Education Organizational Meeting, *if not present at the Biennial Board Election.*

THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1976

380.614 Board; election of members; resolution; notice of meeting; acting chairperson and secretary; open meeting; term; vacancy; nominating petition; signatures; filing petition and affidavit; ballots; filing fee.

Sec. 614. (1) Except as provided in section 615 and subject to section 642c of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.642c, the members of the intermediate school board shall be elected biennially on the first Monday in June by an electoral body composed of 1 person designated by the board of each constituent school district.

(2) The board of a constituent district shall designate its representative to this electoral body by resolution adopted not earlier than 21 days before the date of this biennial election. The board shall consider the resolution at not less than 1 public meeting before adopting the resolution. The resolution shall be adopted by majority vote of the members serving on the board. In its resolution designating its representative, the board of a constituent district shall identify the candidate the board supports for each position to be filled on the intermediate school board and shall direct its representative to vote for that individual or individuals at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body. The secretary of the intermediate school board shall send a notice by certified mail of the hour and place of the meeting of the electoral body described in subsection (1) to the secretary of the board of each constituent school district at least 10 days before the meeting. The president and secretary of the intermediate school board shall act as chairperson and secretary at the meeting. The meeting of the electoral body shall be an open meeting conducted in the manner prescribed under the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(3) Except as provided in section 703, the term of office of each member elected to the intermediate school board is 6 years and begins on July 1 following election. Not more than 2 members of the intermediate school board shall be from the same school district unless there are fewer districts than there are positions to be filled.

(4) A vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the intermediate school board until the next biennial election at which time the vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term. Notice of the vacancy shall be filed with the state board within 5 days after the vacancy occurs. If the vacancy is not filled within 30 days after it occurs, the vacancy shall be filled by the state board.

(5) Subject to subsection (7), a candidate for election to the intermediate school board shall be nominated by petitions that are signed by a number of school electors of the combined constituent school districts of the intermediate school district, as follows:

(a) If the population of the intermediate school district is less than 10,000 according to the most recent federal census, a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 20.

(b) If the population of the intermediate school district is 10,000 or more according to the most recent federal census, a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 100.

(6) A school elector may sign as many petitions as there are vacancies to fill. Nominating petitions and an affidavit as provided in section 558 of the Michigan election law, MCL 168.558, shall be filed with the school district filing official not later than 30 days before the date of the biennial election under subsection (1). The school district filing official shall determine the sufficiency of the petitions and the eligibility of the candidates nominated. The school district filing official shall provide ballots for the biennial election, listing on the ballots the names of all candidates properly nominated. The chairperson of the biennial election meeting may accept nominations for a vacancy from the floor only if no nominating petitions have been filed for the vacancy.

(7) Instead of filing nominating petitions, a candidate for election to the intermediate school board may pay a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100.00 to the school district filing official. If this fee is paid by the due date for nominating petitions, the payment has the same effect under this section as the filing of nominating petitions.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;—Am. 1977, Act 43, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1977;—Am. 1981, Act 87, Imd. Eff. July 2, 1981;—Am. 1984, Act 322, Eff. Dec. 28, 1984;—Am. 1992, Act 263, Eff. Jan. 1, 1993;—Am. 2002, Act 157, Eff. Jan. 1, 2003;—Am. 2003, Act 299, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005;—Am. 2004, Act 233, Imd. Eff. July 21, 2004;—Am. 2004, Act 419, Imd. Eff. Nov. 29, 2004;—Am. 2011, Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2012.

Popular name: Act 451

**RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE OAKLAND SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION BIENNIAL ELECTION**

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District was held at Orion Township Hall, on the 27th day of May, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Danielle Bresett, President.

Present: Members

Absent: Members

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS, Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.614 requires a constituent school board to designate its representative and identify the Intermediate School Board candidate the board supports by a resolution adopted not earlier than 21 days prior to the date of the election, and

WHEREAS, Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.614 prescribes the method for passage of a resolution including the requirement to consider the resolution at not less than one public meeting before adopting the resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Board previously considered the resolution at an open meeting conducted in a manner prescribed under the Open Meetings Act on April 22, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board designates _____ as its representative and _____ as its alternate representative to serve on the 2026 electoral body responsible for electing members to the Oakland Schools Intermediate School District Board of Education.
2. The Board supports candidate Gary Hauff for the one (1) position on the Oakland Schools Intermediate School District Board of Education for a term of six (6) years ending June 30, 2032.
3. The Board directs its representative _____ to vote for candidate Gary Hauff at least on the first ballot taken at the June 1, 2026 election.

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Motion declared adopted

Secretary, Board of Education

Certification: The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Lake Orion Community Schools, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on May 27, 2026, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes.

Secretary, Board of Education