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## MASB Board of Directors Election 2018

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Dear Jill,

The following information is in regard to the 2018 MASB Board of Directors Election. **Ballots will be emailed tomorrow to Regions holding elections.**

This year, seven (7) seats are up for election; one candidate is unopposed and a Region and Group has no candidates, thus we'll only distribute ballots for Regions 1, 5, 7 and 8.

Each district will receive **ONE** ballot, which will be emailed to the superintendent secretary on record with MASB (or superintendent/board president in the absence of a secretary). Please do **NOT** forward this ballot to anyone else or unsubscribe to these messages.

The candidates are:

**Region 1 (three-year term)**

- \*Brad Baltensperger—Houghton-Portage Township
- Ted Maier—Engadine Consolidated Schools
- Kurt Perron—Brimley Area Public Schools

**Region 5 (three-year term)**

- \*Janice Holz—Huron ISD
- Lynn D. Hopper—Fenton Area Public Schools
- Dawn Kalkman—Reese Public Schools
- Martin "Marty" J. Ray—Grand Blanc Community Schools
- Jennifer Riggs—Goodrich Area Schools

**Region 7 (three-year term)**

- Michael P. Murphy—Addison Community Schools
- Jack Temsey—Potterville Public Schools
- Dale S. Wingerd—Clinton Community Schools

**Region 8 (three-year term)**

- \*Donald Hubler—Macomb Intermediate School District
- Robert McLachlan—Romulus Community Schools
- Birgit McQuiston—Lake Orion Community Schools
- Darlene Pomponio, Ph.D.—Southgate Community Schools

\* = *Incumbent*

**A seat in Region 2 is unopposed—again, no ballots will be sent:**

Region 2 will continue to be represented by Mark McKulsky—Iosco RESA (three-year term)

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**Electronic voting is a two-step process:**

Step 1 = Submit ballot.

Step 2 = Confirm ballot has been submitted.

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. **Official results will be approved at the March 16, 2018, Board of Directors' meeting, which newly elected directors should plan to attend.**

- Ballot deadline is 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.
- No local district/ISD funds can be used to campaign for anyone running for a seat.
- Questions? Contact me at 517.327.5915 or [chuffman@masb.org](mailto:chuffman@masb.org).

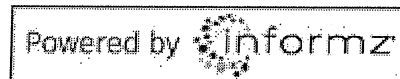
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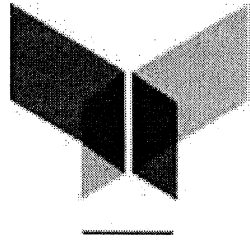
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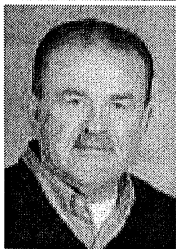
*All votes are confidential and counted one time.*

Please cast your vote for one candidate to represent Region 8 for a three-year term on the MASB Board of Directors. To cast your vote, click the circle to the left of the candidate you wish to select. Once you've selected your candidate, click "next." All votes are confidential and counted one time.

NOTE: Voting is a two-step process. Once you submit your vote (Step 1), you'll receive an email asking you to validate your ballot (Step 2). **You must follow the link in this email to complete the voting process.**

## 2018 MASB Board of Directors Official Ballot

*This is a Required Question.*



**\*Donald Hubler**

**District:** Macomb Intermediate School District

**County:** Macomb

**Time served on this board:** Three years

**Offices held:** Secretary

**Time served on another board:** 11 years, L'Anse Creuse Public Schools

**Offices held:** President, Vice President 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

### **Election Statement:**

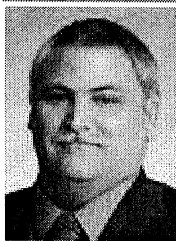
I ask for the opportunity to work with board members locally, in our state and country to assure that our children are supported in obtaining an education that is based on each child's individual gifts. In the most recent meeting of the National School Boards Association, the association confirmed the commitment to equity in the statement: "We affirm in our actions that each student can, will, and shall learn. Educational equity is the intentional allocation of resources, instruction, and opportunities

according to need. We recognize that based on factors including but not limited to disability, race, ethnicity, and social economic status, students are deprived of equitable educational opportunities. This requires that discriminatory practices, prejudices, and beliefs be identified and eradicated." For most of our children their best chance to realize their own fulfilling future and make a positive contribution to their community, is a public education. Public School Boards stand for a representative form of governance that promotes locally involved community members. As school board member, I believe that we must meet our responsibility by actively participating and working to educate ourselves, centering on service to the students and community. Our decisions and actions can help build an educational environment that focuses on the good of all children.

**CERTIFICATIONS and CURRENT AND POSITIONS HELD MASB AWARDS;**  
 President's, Advocacy, Data Specialty L'Anse Cruse Board of Education; trustee, president, treasurer Macomb Intermediate School District; board secretary, trustee Michigan Association of School Boards; trustee, previous past president, president-elect, vice president, member of leadership development committee, member of resolutions and bylaws committee National School Boards Association; trustee, chair of governance committee, member of constitution and bylaws committee, member of audit committee, member of board policy review committee National School Boards Action Center; secretary SEMCOG, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; Vice Chairperson, executive committee

As a retired director of public works and as a public servant, it was my responsibility to provide support to community members that met their needs and expectations. As board members, we must always work to meet the needs of all of our children and expectations of our community. It is a humbling and vital responsibility to be involved in the work to support of our students, staff and community. I am proud to say that I am school board member, and will always work to support our member's needs through the Michigan Association of School Boards.

*\*=Incumbent*



**Robert McLachlan**

**District:** Romulus Community School District

**County:** Wayne

**Time served on this board:** Five years

**Offices held:** President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

**Time served on another board:** Eight years, Westwood Community Schools

**Offices held:** Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

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**Election Statement:**

We must continue to fight for "real" equity in funding for public education. I have worked most of my adult life for youth, as a school leader, Scout leader and I now head JORY Children's Foundation, a nonprofit to support financially and/or socially disadvantaged children. MASB has provided me with wonderful learning opportunities over the years, and I've made some lifelong friends. I'd like to "give back" by serving the Association in this capacity (I've served on the Government Relations Committee for three years, and currently serve on the Legal Trust Fund Committee).



**Birgit McQuiston**

**District:** Lake Orion Community Schools

**County:** Oakland

**Time served on this board:** Seven years

**Offices held:** Vice President and Secretary

**MASB Certification:**

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**Election Statement:**

Advocating for our students, teachers and schools is an essential job, making an elected school board trustee more important than ever. Empowering school boards through MASB is critical. The professional development and connection affords school boards the opportunity to fulfill their oath of office: "to faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Member of the Board of Education..." Step one: Fully understanding what is expected of you to fulfill your duties.

Under my leadership on the Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education, we formed a Board Self-Assessment Committee, and then developed our own Self-Assessment Tool, which we review and utilize annually. Serving on the Policy Committee and leading our committee in the development of Board Operating Procedures allows me to invest in the board's structure and operation. I helped bring back our Curriculum Committee, significant in assisting our Board to be more informed about what our students are learning and the supporting data. As an active part of our district's recently created Legislative Advocacy Committee, our district is bringing our local resources to the state's discussions.

Nearly/Approximately 50% of Michigan's children live in poverty. That spurred me to help establish "Blessings In A Backpack—Lake Orion." Partnering with the national "Blessings In A Backpack" nonprofit organization, the group raises money for at-risk students on weekends during the school year. A sufficient diet is important for proper learning, and this initiative addresses childhood hunger in our community.

Bringing my leadership skills to the MASB Board of Directors will help support the development of quality leadership services, creating highly qualified Board of Education leaders across Michigan. My favorite quote from the 2017 MASB ALC: "You can't predict the future of education, but you can be a part of inventing it." School boards need a role inventing the future of education.

It would be an honor to represent Region 8 on the MASB Board of Directors.

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**Darlene Pomponio, Ph.D.**



**District:** Southgate Community Schools

**County:** Wayne

**Time served on this board:** Eight years

**Offices held:** President, Vice President and Secretary

**MASB Certification:**

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**Election Statement:**

I have been on the Southgate school board for eight years and immediately I completed the 100-series courses prior to taking my seat the following January. I have been active from the first day forward. My passion is education and ensuring that students obtain the best quality education that allows them to be successful. I have been part of many committees in my district including strategic planning, safety, policy and curriculum to name a few. I am out in the schools and community regularly, finding out what the parents and students are concerned about in the district. I have been on the WCASB for seven years with an officer position for the last six years. I have been a member of the Resolution and Bylaws and Government Relations Committees with MASB. I have been to the conferences, workshops and classes to obtain the latest education in public education. I have obtained all of the awards leading to and including the MASB President Award. I have been part of the NSBA committees and have traveled to Washington, D.C. several times to speak with legislators and fellow board members. In addition to all of the board work I have done I have a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice, a MBA with a discipline in Strategic Management and a Ph.D. in Applied Management and Decision Sciences. I have been a guest columnist for the local newspaper and continue to write articles on education including public and higher education, as well as speaking out on the prevention of bullying in our communities and schools. My career has been in business, finance and education. I am a college professor teaching and developing graduate and undergraduate courses. In addition to my work and volunteer experience, I have a nonprofit organization that conducts research in education and learning disabilities. I have supported public service and have given eight scholarships over the past four years to high school seniors pursuing a career or education in the public service field. I am currently the school board president and have held an officer position for the past seven years on the board. I continue to learn from my peers and the school board organizations. I appreciate the perspectives from school board members from around Michigan and the country. I look forward to sharing my knowledge with fellow board members.

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