



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APPLICATION FORM  
DIRECTOR DISTRICT G VACANCY**

**ROLE OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**

School boards are local policy makers, and the policies they set have the force of law at the local level. The guidance and control that the Board provides through its policies is critical to the smooth operation of the school system, and to setting the direction for staff.

Today's Board members can average up to 60 hours a month in Board work. This figure fluctuates monthly due to the number of meetings and school events scheduled.

Perhaps the single most important job of a school board is to employ a superintendent and to ensure that person responsibly manages the schools in accordance with federal and state laws and school board policy. The Board should also set educational goals for the District – based upon state laws and community values. Effective school board members share the following characteristics:

- Desire to serve children in the community
- Strong belief in the value of public schools
- Ability to work as a member of a team with an open mind
- Ability to engage in give and take and arrive at group consensus
- Willingness to spend time required to become informed and do homework needed to take part in effective school board meetings
- Respect for the needs and feelings of other people; well-developed sense of fair play
- Ability to listen and communicate well
- Recognition that the school district is probably the largest business in town and that the board is responsible for seeing that the business is well managed

As elected public officials, school board members are in a unique position to serve as a link between the school system and the public – interpreting the schools to the public and public views to the schools. It is up to school board members to help build support and understanding of public education and to lead their communities in demanding quality education.

Additional school board candidate information can be found in the Colorado Association of School Boards' SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE GUIDE publication. ([www.casb.org](http://www.casb.org))

Qualified applicants will be interviewed by the Board of Education at their Regular Meeting scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 395 S. Pratt Parkway, Longmont, Colorado. The term of the Director District G office is from appointment until the November 2019 Coordinated Election.

## Qualifications

1. Applicant must reside in Director District G as described in Board Policy (full description may be obtained from the District's website at [www.svvsd.org](http://www.svvsd.org), under the Board of Education tab, or by contacting the District Planning Department at 303-682-7229. This brief description is provided for your convenience:

*Director District G generally comprises everything east of Interstate 25 to Weld County Road 17 and everything south of County Road 24 to Weld County Road 10.*

2. Applicant must be:
  - a. A registered elector of the St. Vrain Valley School District
  - b. A resident of the St. Vrain Valley School District for the past 12 months
  - c. A resident of Director District G for the past 32 days
  - d. At least eighteen (18) years of age
3. Any person who has been convicted of commission of a sexual offense against a child shall not be eligible.

**Please complete the following (please print):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1. List specific skills and qualifications you can bring to the Board of Education.

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2. Outline experiences you have had in the public sector or in the school district that would be an asset to serving on the Board of Education. (Include governance opportunities, civic involvement and service, school committees, school volunteer, educational foundations, etc.)

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3. Why do you want to serve on the Board of Education?

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4. What qualities do you feel are important for a Board of Education member to have?

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5. What do you believe are the three key issues facing the school district and the Board of Education?

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**Please Attach the Following:**

- 1. A resume that provides personal information, e.g., employment, civic involvement, hobbies, etc.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND RESUME:**

4:00 pm, Friday, January 18, 2019

Please return to:

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Board of Education  
Educational Services Center  
395 South Pratt Parkway  
Longmont, CO 80501