CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD
May 4, 2010 Election

Filing Location:	**Allendale Public Schools:** Allendale Township Clerk's Office, 6676 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale, MI 49401 **All other Candidates:** Ottawa County Clerk's Office, 12220 Fillmore Street, Room 130, West Olive, MI 49460 *Call Elections Division at: 616-994-4535 for additional office locations and hours*
Candidate Qualifications:	State law requires that candidates be a citizen of the United States and a qualified and registered elector of the school district they wish to represent by the filing deadline.
Filing Requirements:	- An Affidavit of Identity is required from all candidates. - Petitions containing sufficient signatures **OR** a nonrefundable filing fee of $100.
Petition Signature Requirements:	All School Districts in Ottawa County: **Min: 40 Signatures Max: 100 Signatures** - Separate petition sheets must be used for voters in different municipalities.
Filing Deadline:	Filings must be made in the office of the appropriate Clerk by **4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 9, 2010**. Candidates are urged to file early; if petition signatures are not acceptable, and the approved number falls below the minimum required, we will contact you to advise you of the shortfall. However, if a shortfall in the number of signatures required is discovered near or after the filing deadline, you will not be permitted an extension, and your name will not appear on the ballot.
Withdrawal:	Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than **4:00 P.M**. on **Friday, February 12, 2010.**
Campaign Finance:	**NOTE** Candidates who seek a school board position in a school district with a pupil enrollment count of 2,400 or less and who will not receive or spend in excess of $1,000 are exempted from filing a Campaign Finance Statement of Organization. This provision will only apply to candidates from **Allendale Public Schools** and **Spring Lake Public Schools.** All other candidates are required to file a Campaign Finance Statement of Organization with the County Clerk within 20 days of becoming a candidate. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Elections Division of the Clerk's Office at: 616-994-4535 to determine what the reporting requirements may be. This should be done prior to expending funds, advertising, or placing signs in support of your campaign, to avoid improper activities.