

**CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD**  
**November 6, 2012 Election**

<b>Filing Location:</b>	<p><b>Allendale Public Schools:</b> Allendale Township Clerk's Office, 6676 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale, MI 49401</p> <p><b>All other Candidates:</b>  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*</p>
<b>Candidate Qualifications:</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Filing Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An Affidavit of Identity is required from all candidates.</li> <li>- Petitions containing sufficient signatures <b>OR</b> a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100.</li> </ul>
<b>Petition Signature Requirements:</b>	<p>All School Districts in Ottawa County:  <b>Min: 40 Signatures    Max: 100 Signatures</b>  <b>(Must be on SCHOOL DISTRICT form)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nominating petition sheets are available from the Office of the County Clerk.</li> <li>- Separate petition sheets must be used for voters in different municipalities.</li> </ul>
<b>Filing Deadline:</b>	<p>Filings must be made in the office of the appropriate Clerk by <b>4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.</b></p> <p><u>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.</u></p>
<b>Withdrawal:</b>	<p>Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than <b>4:00 P.M. on Friday, August 17, 2012.</b></p>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b>	<p>All 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.</p>