

May 16, 2003

Dear Potential Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the at-large vacancy on the Denver Public Schools Board of Education.

To apply, please provide a brief cover letter (including all your contact information), a copy of your resume, and written answers to questions on the attached page. Please limit your written answers to a few paragraphs for each question.

Applications are due at the Board of Education Office, 900 Grant Street, Room 705, by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2003. The completed applications may be e-mailed to the Board (board@dpsk12.org) or faxed (303-764-3216). They may also be mailed (Room 705, 900 Grant St., Denver, CO 80203) or delivered in person. The Board office will send return confirmations for e-mail applications; please call to confirm fax receipt. All submissions will be considered public information.

The applications will be used by the Board of Education to determine finalists for the position. The Board expects to name finalists within a week or so of the June 2 deadline. Finalists will appear at an evening public forum tentatively scheduled for June 18. This forum will be carried on cable Channel 22 in Denver and the Board of Education will ask for community feedback on the finalists. On June 23, finalists will also be interviewed individually by the Board. Based on this process, the Board expects to appoint the new member during a meeting June 26.

The appointee will serve through the end of the current at-large term, November 2003. Please keep in mind that all applicants must meet state requirements for eligibility. Candidates must qualify as electors and must have resided in Denver for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the appointment.

Again, thank you for your willingness to serve the Denver Public Schools. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

The Denver Public Schools Board of Education

Board Member Applicant – Questions for Written Response

- 1) Why are you seeking this seat on the Board of Education?
- 2) Please identify two major challenges facing Denver Public Schools and tell us what steps you would pursue to solve them.
- 3) The district and the Denver Classroom Teachers Association are collaborating on changes to the approach to teacher compensation. What's your opinion of the recently outlined proposal and do you endorse the general direction of this reform? If so, why?
- 4) DPS plans on going to the voters this November for a bond and mill levy increase. The district projects flat enrollment yet there are needs for new schools in northeast Denver. What suggestions do you have to ensure the passage of this bond/mill levy package?

Along with cover letter and resume, please return to:

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