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### **SPS Board to Appoint Successor District IV Board Director** *Director Eden Mack's Resignation Creates Opening for Appointment Until November 2021*

**SEATTLE** – The Seattle Public Schools Board of Directors has announced the appointment process for naming a successor director to serve as District IV director for Seattle Public Schools until November 2021.

The position is open because Director Eden Mack resigned from the board last week.

The current school board is required to appoint a successor director to serve for the remainder of the District IV term, which concludes with the November 2021 election. The appointed board member may choose to run for the position in the 2021 election cycle.

“We are very fortunate in Seattle to have so many people who recognize the importance of civic duty and working for the good of the entire community,” said Board President Chandra Hampson. “We will be welcoming a new board member with whom we look forward to governing toward positive, racially equitable and academically healthy transformation in Seattle Public Schools.”

#### **Appointment Process**

All school board directors must be a U.S. citizen who is registered to vote and lives within the boundaries of the district they represent. In this case, the appointed director must live in District IV, which encompasses northwest and central Seattle. [See District IV map.](#)

Candidates must submit a letter of interest, work experience/resume, and photograph. After the initial applications materials are received, additional application materials will be requested, including a completed questionnaire and a video statement.

#### **Timeline (all dates 2021):**

- **January 15:** District IV School Board Director appointment process opens.
- **January 29:** Application deadline.

- **February 1:** Questionnaire distributed to candidates.
- **February 1-5:** Candidates record video statements remotely, with support from SPS Public Affairs staff, for posting to candidate webpages.
- **February 5:** Individual candidate webpages published, including letter of interest and resume/work experience. Candidate video statement and completed questionnaire added once finalized for all candidates.
- **February 8:** Candidate questionnaire responses due.
- **Late February (Date TBD):** Possible special board meeting to select finalist candidates, depending on number of qualified candidates.
- **Mid-March (Date TBD):** District IV Candidate Forum to be held for finalist candidates.
- **March 24:** During regular school board meeting, board votes to appoint the candidate to the District IV position. Selected candidate will be sworn in and take office immediately.
- **April 7:** Deadline for the Board to fill the vacancy under Board Policy No. 1115.

For detailed information on the application process, including confirmation of public meeting dates, please see the Director Appointment web page on the SPS website at [https://www.seattleschools.org/district/school\\_board/director\\_appointment](https://www.seattleschools.org/district/school_board/director_appointment).

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