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## 2024 REPORTING CALENDAR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION – NOVEMBER ELECTION

January 16, 2024

Annual report due.\* For each year in which a candidate is not listed on a ballot for election, the candidate must file an annual report if the candidate has remaining campaign funds from a previous election and/or has received contribution or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) for an upcoming election. This report covers all campaign activity January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

January 31, 2024

Statement of Financial Interest for calendar year 2023 due from all incumbent officeholders.

August 12, 2024

Statement of Financial Interest for calendar year 2023 due from all non-incumbent candidates.

October 29, 2024

If opposed in annual school election, preelection report\*\* due for annual school election. This report covers all campaign activity from January 1- October 26, or, if candidate did not file annual report, all campaign activity through October 26.

November 5, 2024

**Annual School Election** 

December 3, 2024 †Runoff Election

† IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A RUNOFF ELECTION, TWO ADDITIONAL REPORTS ARE DUE

November 26, 2024

Preelection\*\* report due for special runoff election. Covers period November 6-23.

January 30, 2025

Final report\*\*\* due for special runoff election. Covers period November 24 through the date the report is filed.

December 30, 2024 Final report\*\*\* due for annual school election.

<sup>\*</sup> Effective July 27, 2021, the campaign finance laws were amended by Act 737 of 2021 to require a candidate with remaining campaign funds to file an annual C&E report for each year in which a candidate is not listed on a ballot for election. The annual report is required to be filed no later than 15 days after the end of the year. A candidate is not required to file an annual report if he or she did not have remaining campaign funds from a previous election and has not received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

<sup>\*\*</sup> A candidate is not required to file a preelection report if he or she has not received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500). In calculating the amount of contributions received or expenditures made for purposes of this exception, the payment of the filing fee from the candidate's personal funds shall not be considered as either a contribution or an expenditure. Once the five hundred-dollar (\$500) threshold has been met, however, a candidate who has used his or her personal funds to pay the filing fee is required to report same.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> A final report is required regardless of whether a candidate has received contributions or made expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

If candidate was unopposed in the annual school election and candidate did not file an annual report, the final report for the annual school election covers all campaign activity through the date the report is filed.

If candidate was unopposed in the annual school election and candidate filed annual report, the final report for the annual school election covers all campaign activity from January 1 through the date the report is filed.

If candidate was opposed in the annual school election, filed a preelection report for the annual school election, and was not involved in a runoff election, the final report for the annual school election covers all campaign activity from October 27 through the date the report is filed.

If candidate was opposed in the annual school election, filed a preelection report for the annual school election, and was involved in a runoff election, the final report for the annual school election covers all campaign activity from October 27 through November 5.

If candidate was opposed in the annual school election, did not file an annual report, did not file a preelection report for the annual school election, and was not involved in a runoff election, the final report for the annual school election covers all campaign activity through the date the report is filed.

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