

2022 School Board Parent Elections

Houghton Valley School School profile number: 2861



Nominations are open for the election of THREE (3) parent representatives to the school board.

Your nomination form is enclosed

You can use this form to nominate yourself or someone else in your community. We have nomination forms available in Te Reo Māori and some other languages. Please contact the returning officer if these are required.

Nominating yourself or someone else

If you are on the voting roll and eligible to vote, you can nominate yourself. Please remember to sign **both** parts of the form.

If you are nominating someone else, complete the nomination form and make sure it includes all the required contact details and signatures.

You can post, hand deliver or email your nomination form/s to the returning officer (see details below).

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 3 August 2022.

Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is enclosed.

Candidate statement

If you are a candidate, you are invited to submit an optional statement (up to 400 words) and photo. Make sure your statement is received by noon on Wednesday 3 August 2022 so that it can be sent to voters with the voting papers.

The returning officer may remove or edit any part of the candidate's statement if it exceeds 400 words or is offensive or defamatory.

Electoral roll

The electoral roll is held at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

Eligibility

Anyone can stand for election for election to the board, except for some exclusions. Please check information on who is not eligible. If not enclosed, ask the returning officer for this. If you are not on the voting roll you must be nominated by a person who is.

Scrutineers

A candidate may nominate a person to sit with the returning officer during the vote count to make sure it is done correctly. Please advise the returning officer in writing of your scrutineer's name and contact details before election day. Candidates **cannot** be scrutineers.

Voting and results

If there are more nominations than vacancies for parent representatives, a voting election will be held. Eligible voters will be issued voting papers and candidate statements, on or before Wednesday 10 August 2022.

The poll closes at **4pm** on Wednesday 7 September 2022. The highest polling candidates will be elected to the board, and results will be notified to the school community and other affected parties.

Post, hand deliver, or email completed nomination form/s to: Emily Faith, Returning Officer, Houghton Valley School, 110 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington 6023 OR botsecretary@houghton.school.nz.

People who are not eligible to be school board members

The following people are not eligible to be school board members.

A person who:

- is an undischarged bankrupt; or
- is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the [Companies Act 1993](#), or the [Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013](#), or the [Takeovers Act 1993](#); or
- is a permanently appointed member of the Board staff, unless they are standing for election as a staff representative; or
- contracts or sub-contracts with the Board without the approval of the Secretary of Education and receives payments exceeding \$25,000 in any financial year. This would also cover situations where a person has a 10% or more shareholding in the contracting company or a company that controls the contracting company; or
- is subject to a property order under the [Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988](#); or
- is a person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that either the person is not competent to manage his or her own property affairs, or does not have the capacity to communicate/make decisions relating to his/her welfare/personal care; or
- is a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for 2 years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person; or
- is not a New Zealand citizen, **and** is –
 - a person to whom [section 15](#) or [16](#) of the Immigration Act 2009 applies; or
 - a person obliged, by or pursuant to that Act, to leave New Zealand immediately or within a specified time, being a time that was less than 12 months; or
 - deemed for the purposes of that Act to be in New Zealand unlawfully.

A returning officer for an election (or by-elections) of board members is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate in that election.

For more information:

- see clauses 9 and 10 of [Schedule 23](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the list above is a summary of these clauses).
- call NZSTA Advisory and Support Centre 0800 782 435, option 1.