

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

2017

A. NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALL NOMINEES

1. A Citizen of the United States;
2. Eighteen (18) years of age or older;
3. Able to read and write;
4. A legal resident of the Cheektowaga Central School District for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election;
5. Cannot be disqualified by the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law;
6. Cannot be an employee of the Cheektowaga Central School District;
7. The only member of his/her family (that is, cannot be a member of the same household) on the Cheektowaga Central School District Board;
8. May not simultaneously hold another, incompatible public office including, but not limited to, district superintendent or supervisor, district clerk, tax collector, or district treasurer except as otherwise provided by law;
9. Must not have been removed from a school district office, including School Board member or trustee, within one year preceding the date of election to the Board.

B. REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATING PETITIONS

1. Nominating petitions are available in the District Office at 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
2. Nominating petitions must contain the names of eligible voters of the district and shall number two percent (2%) of the number of voters in the last annual election or 25, whichever is greater.
 - **Twenty-five (25) signatures are required for the upcoming election.**

It is advisable to obtain more than 35 signatures due to the possible elimination of signatures on your petition, which would result in your petition not being valid.

3. An eligible voter must be:
 - a. eighteen (18) years of age,
 - b. a citizen of the United States,
 - c. a resident (not necessarily a homeowner) of the district for at least thirty (30) days preceding the election,
 - d. not disqualified by the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law.
4. Nominating petitions shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board (Mary Ann Miano – 686-3606) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. no later than **Monday, April 17, 2017.** The Clerk's office is located in the District Office at 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, New York.

C. BALLOT POSITION AND ELECTIONEERING

1. Ballot position will be chosen by lot on the day following the last day for filing petitions. (*This year: 4/18/17*)
2. Electioneering is prohibited within one hundred (100) feet of the polling place.