



GRANT PARK COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT NO. 6

GRANT PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6 Board of Education Vacancy and Upcoming Election Opportunities

Grant Park CUSD #6 invites eligible district residents to apply for an upcoming vacancy on its Board of Education.

Mrs. Sarah Toma submitted her resignation at the October 19, 2026, Board meeting, effective October 23, 2026. We thank Mrs. Toma for her service and commitment to our scholars, staff, families, and community.

An Opportunity to Serve

The Board seeks a community member committed to public education, respectful collaboration, and responsible stewardship of district resources. Board members serve without compensation and help establish policies, approve budgets, and guide the district's direction.

Applicants must be United States citizens, at least 18 years old, registered voters, and residents of Illinois and Grant Park CUSD #6 for at least one year immediately preceding the appointment. All other statutory eligibility requirements and applicable congressional township representation restrictions must also be met.

Appointment Duration

Mrs. Toma's seat is part of the 2025–2029 term. Under 105 ILCS 5/10-10, the appointed member will serve until a successor elected at the April 6, 2027, Consolidated Election is seated. Voters will then elect a member to complete the remaining two-year term ending in 2029.

The appointed member may seek election but must complete the required candidate filing process. Appointment does not automatically place an individual's name on the ballot.

Four Seats Available in the April 2027 Election

In addition to the two-year unexpired term associated with Mrs. Toma's resignation, three full four-year terms, running from 2027 through 2031, will be available as the current terms of the following members conclude:

- Mrs. Christine Horn
- Mr. Jerry Loitz
- Mr. Mike Wells

These are regularly scheduled term expirations and do not indicate whether current members intend to seek reelection.

Residents interested in any of these four seats should contact the Kankakee County Clerk's Office promptly for candidate packets, petition requirements, filing deadlines, and applicable township restrictions. Applying for the appointment and filing to run in the election are separate processes.

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How to Apply for the Appointment

Submit a letter of interest and resume describing your qualifications, connection to the district, and reasons for seeking Board service. Include your residential address, telephone number, and email address.

Sue Anderson, Grant Park Bookkeeper
Grant Park CUSD #6
421 Esson Farm Road
Grant Park, IL 60940

Application deadline: November 13, 2026

Selected applicants will be contacted regarding interviews. The Board anticipates making an appointment at its December 14, 2026, meeting.

For questions, contact the District Office at 815-465-6013.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our school community and support Excellence in Everything We Do – The GP Way!

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GRANT PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT #6 APPLICATION for School Board Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

If your answer to any of the first four questions is NO, State law prevents the Board of Education from considering your application at this time.

1. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes____No____
2. Have you lived in Illinois and District #6 for more than 1 year? Yes____No____
3. Are you at least 18 years of age? Yes____No____
4. Are you a registered voter? Yes____No____
5. Are you a child sex offender? Yes____No____

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. What is your occupation?

2. Give a brief overview of what you know about GP #6

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3. What work or educational experiences have you had that you feel will benefit the Board of Education?

4. Please list three (3) areas that you think speak well of District #6:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Also, please list those areas which you would like to see improve.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

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