

# Application for Vacant Board Seat in Zone 1

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Portland Public Schools Board of Education. The application closes on **December 20, 2024 at 12:00 pm**. Please download and email the completed application to [rpowell@pps.net](mailto:rpowell@pps.net).

The application consists of 10 questions. Please limit your response to the space provided – approximately half a page. Maximum characters of 1300 per question. The questions begin on page 2 of this PDF.

If you have any issues with the application, please contact the Board Office at 503-916-3906 or email [rpowell@pps.net](mailto:rpowell@pps.net).

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## Personal information

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**Name**

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**Address**

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**How long have you lived at your current address?**  
(Approximate years and months)

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**Phone Number**

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**Email address**

**Preferred method of contact**

Phone       Email

**Question 1.**

What motivated you to apply for a position on the school board? Please include any experiences you have had with the school district as a parent, student, educator, or community member, nonprofit or public board.

**Question 2.**

What is your understanding of the primary functions and responsibilities of a public school board?

**Question 3.**

How would you prioritize issues such as academic achievement, equity, student mental health, and teacher support? Can you give an example of a time you took action or provided leadership to prioritize an issue of importance.

**Question 4.**

How do you envision supporting students from diverse backgrounds and ensuring educational equity?

**Question 5.**

What particular skills or expertise would you bring to the Board?

**Question 6.**

How would you balance the needs of students, teachers, and the broader community when making decisions?

**Question 7.**

How do you think about the trade-offs in the school district's budgeting process?



**Question 8.**

What experience do you have advocating for a cause, issue, campaign, legislation, etc.?

**Question 9.**

What does diversity, equity, and inclusion mean to you in the context of public education? What is your lived experience that defines this perspective?

**Question 10.**

How would you work to address disparities in educational opportunities and outcomes for marginalized groups, including students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and students with disabilities?

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