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CHICAGO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION GUIDE 2026

Understanding the candidates.
Understanding the issues.
Understanding your vote.

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Why this election matters



Chicago families deserve accessible, accurate information about the people seeking to shape our public schools. This guide is an effort to make candidate backgrounds, stated priorities, and election information easier to understand.

As a Chicago Public Schools special education teacher, I see how decisions about staffing, services, and resources reach individual classrooms. My purpose here is to present candidates consistently, distinguish facts from campaign claims, and encourage informed civic participation.

RAHSAAN LIDDELL

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What is at stake

in a school board election?

A BOARD MAKES DECISIONS THAT SHAPE DAILY SCHOOL LIFE.

01 Resources

How budgets, facilities and staffing priorities affect schools.

02 Student services

How policies influence access to special education and other supports.

03 Accountability

How the district reports results and responds to community concerns.

04 Community voice

How families, educators and students are heard in decisions.

READER QUESTION

Which decisions matter most to students in your school community?

District 9B

FEATURED COMPARISON / EQUAL PROFILE TREATMENT

THE CANDIDATES



EDITOR-SUPPLIED

Therese Boyle

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; retired CPS school psychologist and teacher.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Improve reading and math achievement, student mental health, and special education; scrutinize spending amid property-tax concerns.



EDITOR-SUPPLIED

Katherine S. Dunneback

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Speech-language pathologist and adjunct professor.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Protect public schools from privatization and keep neighborhood schools open (candidate statement, WTTW)

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District 10A

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CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Che “Rhymefest” Smith

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; songwriter, recording artist and community advocate.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Balanced budgets based on committed revenue, transparent spending, stronger arts and music access, and board oversight focused on student outcomes.



EDITOR-SUPPLIED

Tameka Walton

REPORTED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Nonprofit executive, CPS graduate and parent; Phillips Academy Local School Council member.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

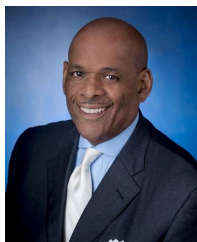
Educational opportunity and equity, as described in candidate statement (WTTW)

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Board president

CITYWIDE CONTEST / 3 ACTIVE CAMPAIGNS + 1 SUSPENDED

THE CANDIDATES



EDITOR-SUPPLIED

Victor P. Henderson

REPORTED CANDIDATE

Defense attorney; former certified public accountant.

Reported: reading/math outcomes; efficient spending; student safety; more open to charter expansion.



CAMPAIGN ARCHIVE

Jessica Biggs

REPORTED CANDIDATE

Director for Healthy Southwest and Southwest System of Care; former CPS principal and current board member.

Reported: financial stability; quality education; improve board functioning; consider school mergers case by case.



EDITOR-SUPPLIED

Hilario Dominguez

REPORTED CANDIDATE

Former CPS teacher and former deputy political director for the Chicago Teachers Union.

Reported: universal preschool for 3-year-olds; seek increased state funding; opposes closing neighborhood schools.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Sendhil Revuluri

CAMPAIGN SUSPENDED

Former Chicago Board of Education vice president. Campaign suspended September 30, 2026.

Campaign suspended; name reportedly remains on printed ballot. Prior campaign focus included academic achievement and fiscal oversight.

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District 1A

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CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Ed Bannon

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; full-time parent and community advocate.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Protect classroom funding, improve academic outcomes, and strengthen special education and mental-health supports.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Margie B. Luczak

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Retired Chicago police officer.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Responsible financial management, transparent decisions, and a stronger voice for students, teachers and working families.

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District 1B

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ELAINE MELKO / CAMPAIGN

Claudia Peralta

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

District director for U.S. Representative Delia Ramirez.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Campaign statement emphasizes high-quality public education in every neighborhood.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Michelle N. Pierre

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

National senior executive director of strategic district consulting at New Leaders.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Stronger instruction and early literacy; meaningful family participation; equitable funding with careful spending oversight.

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District 2A

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CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ebony DeBerry

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; educational initiatives manager for ONE Northside.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Campaign statement emphasizes school equity, teacher and parent voice, and expansion of sustainable community schools.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Hector Morales

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Attorney and Rogers Park resident.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Needs-based school funding, transparent budgets, evidence-based decisions, and student-centered curriculum including arts and electronic music.

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District 2B

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CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Deborah “Debby” Pope

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; retired CPS teacher and former CTU staffer.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Increase CPS funding, distribute resources more equitably, and expand student mental-health support.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Kyna Lenhof

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Consultant, political fundraiser and former CPS teacher.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Independent board focused on student needs (candidate statement, WTTW)



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Daniel Basco

CAMPAIGN SUSPENDED

BACKGROUND

Data scientist and policy analyst. His campaign website confirms that he suspended his campaign.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Before suspending his campaign, emphasized data-informed policy, multiyear planning and independence from political organizations.

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District 3A

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CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Norma Rios Sierra

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; special projects manager at the Chicago Park District.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Increase CPS funding, strengthen neighborhood schools, and improve student mental health.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Peter Gonzales

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Senior legal advisor for the Illinois Secretary of State.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Clear public budgets and accountability; fair teacher pay and manageable workloads; adequate staffing, programs and safe learning conditions.

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District 3B

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CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Jason Dónes

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Human resources and operations chief at an education nonprofit; former teacher.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Invest in neighborhood schools; secure progressive revenue; strengthen special education and student supports; protect immigrant families.



CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Carlos A. Rivas Jr.

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; city communications official, former CPS teacher and school counselor.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Strengthen neighborhood schools, support students from immigrant families, and distribute school funding more equitably.

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District 4A

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CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Ellen Sherratt

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Education consultant specializing in teacher quality.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Board independence from mayor and interest groups (candidate statement, WTTW)



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Karen Zaccor

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; retired CPS teacher.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

State funding, parent/student voice, sustainable community schools (candidate statement, WTTW)



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Angel Alvarez

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Northwestern University scientist; director of Human Stem Cell Technologies and research assistant professor of neurology.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Evidence-based decisions; earlier identification of student needs; stronger special education, transparency and follow-through.

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District 4B

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CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Ellen Rosenfeld

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; former CPS teacher and family/community engagement specialist.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Give students meaningful influence, spend public funds efficiently, and reduce chronic absenteeism.

SOURCE NOTE | Roster and districts cross-checked with WTTW and Chalkbeat. Priorities reflect candidate statements or attributed reporting. Portraits link to image sources; priority headings link to supporting sources.

District 5A

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CAMPAIGN PHOTO

LaPamela Williams

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Realtor.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Responsible finances, stronger transparency and oversight, and action on chronic absenteeism and barriers to student learning.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Aaron "Jitu" Brown

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; community activist focused on social justice.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Inclusive education, reversing enrollment decline, and efficient spending; strengthen community schools rather than close them.

PORTRAIT
NOT LOCATED

Kernetha Jones

REPORTED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Former teacher; reported write-in candidate.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

No platform summary included; further research waived by editor.

SOURCE NOTE | Roster and districts cross-checked with WTTW and Chalkbeat. Priorities reflect candidate statements or attributed reporting. Portraits link to image sources; priority headings link to supporting sources.

District 5B

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CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Michilla “Kyla” Blaise

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; chief of staff for Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Protect school staffing and neighborhood schools; expand access to educational opportunity and community uses for shuttered school buildings.



CHALKBEAT

Anthony Hargrove

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Program leader at Breakthrough Urban Ministries; former CPS employee.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Accessible neighborhood education, understandable public budgets and accountability, and college, career and skilled-trade pathways.

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District 6A

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CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Anusha Thotakura

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; executive director of Citizen Action/Illinois and former bilingual math teacher.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Campaign statement emphasizes academics, facilities and CPS financial decisions.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Isaiah White

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

CPS special education classroom assistant.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Improve school quality across the district (candidate statement, WTTW)



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Brenda Lee Anderson

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Education policy researcher and equity consultant; former university lecturer.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Budget reform, teaching and learning, holistic student success, community partnerships (candidate statement, WTTW)

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District 6B

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CHALKBEAT

Michael L. Neal

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Pastor and founder/CEO of a nonprofit community development corporation.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Improve achievement and community communication; address enrollment decline through stronger community schools and case-by-case consolidation.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Brittany B. Kimble

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Attorney; chair of the Illinois Employment Security Board of Review.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Stronger reading and math instruction, fairer funding across schools, and improved special education services.

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District 7A

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Emma Lozano

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; retired pastor and community organizer.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Bilingual education, immigrant-family protections, neighborhood school funding (candidate statement, WTTW)



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Jesus Ayala Jr.

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Former chief operating officer of a youth athletic and academic program; part-time University of Chicago MBA student.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Focus board decisions on student growth and outcomes; reduce inequities in academics, special education, staffing and enrichment.

SOURCE NOTE | Roster and districts cross-checked with WTTW and Chalkbeat. Priorities reflect candidate statements or attributed reporting. Portraits link to image sources; priority headings link to supporting sources.

District 7B

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CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Yesenia Lopez

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; former congressional campaign staffer.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Protect immigrant families and expand student mental-health services; strengthen families' voice in school decisions.



CAMPAIGN PRESS IMAGE

Erika E. Diaz-Chavez

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Project manager for The 606 at the Chicago Park District.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Improve reading and math through strong instruction and early intervention; reduce absenteeism and strengthen special education and school safety.

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District 8A

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CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Angel Gutierrez

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; deputy director for institutional advancement at Enlace Chicago.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Fiscal stability, responsible budgeting and equitable funding (candidate statement, WTTW)

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District 8B

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CHALKBEAT

Juan Ignacio Gonzalez

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Chicago police officer and detective; owner of DreamCatcher Café.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Higher academic expectations, family participation, transparent spending, and pathways to college, skilled trades, careers and public service.



CHALKBEAT

Alexander Angeles

REPORTED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

CPS graduate and former Local School Council student representative; auto parts specialist and cashier.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

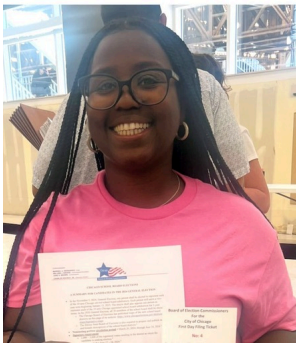
School resources, accountability and student meals (campaign statement).

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District 9A

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REEMA AMIN / CHALKBEAT

Brittany R. Bailey Preston

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Former construction company manager.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Literacy, career pathways and family-friendly schools (reported by Chalkbeat).

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District 9B

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CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Che "Rhymefest" Smith

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; songwriter, recording artist and community advocate.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Balanced budgets based on committed revenue, transparent spending, stronger arts and music access, and board oversight focused on student outcomes.



EDITOR-SUPPLIED

Tameka Walton

REPORTED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Nonprofit executive, CPS graduate and parent; Phillips Academy Local School Council member.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

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District 10B

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EDITOR-SUPPLIED

Connie Anderson

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Incumbent board member; commercial property tax paralegal and record-store owner.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Fully fund special education; expand career and technical learning; improve facilities and culturally relevant arts and music programs.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Patrick C. Watson

REPORTED CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Lead legislative aide in the Chicago City Council's 9th Ward.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Improve student engagement, academics, safety and family connections; consider consolidating low-enrollment schools.



CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Rosita Chatonda

REPORTED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

BACKGROUND

Former CPS teacher and nonprofit education leader.

STATED PRIORITIES / SOURCE

Strengthen literacy and mathematics, preserve options to attend schools beyond one's neighborhood, and improve college preparation.

SOURCE NOTE | Roster and districts cross-checked with WTTW and Chalkbeat. Priorities reflect candidate statements or attributed reporting. Portraits link to image sources; priority headings link to supporting sources.

How to read the candidate profiles

A CONSISTENT FORMAT DOES NOT MEAN EVERY CLAIM IS VERIFIED.

01 Candidate background

Biographical information may come from a candidate, a campaign, or independent reporting. Where primary documentation is unavailable, the profile should be read as preliminary.

02 Stated priorities

Policy priorities summarize what candidates say they support. They are not evidence that a proposal has been implemented or that a promised outcome will occur.

03 Endorsements

An endorsement describes support from an outside organization. It does not establish the candidate's position on every issue supported by that organization.

04 Ballot and write-in status

Write-in and suspended-campaign labels reflect the sources reviewed for this guide. A suspended campaign may still appear on the printed ballot.

Before voting, consult your official sample ballot and the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners for current ballot and voting information.

Sources + photo credits

SOURCE NOTES / OCTOBER 22, 2026

ROSTER AND BIOGRAPHIES

This guide carries 46 candidate records across 21 contests: 40 reported active printed-ballot candidates, four reported write-ins and two suspended campaigns. Roster and district assignments were cross-checked with current WTTW and Chalkbeat election coverage.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs accompany 45 of the 46 candidate records. Kernetha Jones is listed without a photograph. Images come from campaign websites and media pages, official board biographies, newsroom sources and six editor-supplied portraits. Competing profiles use matching portrait frames.

PHOTO SOURCES + CREDITS

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EDITORIAL SCOPE

Candidate priorities summarize stated positions and attributed reporting, not independently verified outcomes. Historical positions are identified for suspended campaigns. The publisher maintains a separate source and permissions register for the photographs used in this publication.

Core sources: WTTW 2026 Voter Guide • Chalkbeat Chicago 2026 candidate directory • Chicago Board of Education biographies • campaign statements and media pages.



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EDITORIAL DISCLOSURE

Liddell is a CPS teacher and CTU member. He has personally endorsed Katherine Dunneback and interviewed Dunneback and Tameka Walton. Those relationships are disclosed so readers can distinguish personal activity from candidate reporting.

This is an independent educational publication, not an official election authority or CPS publication. Candidate priorities reflect attributed statements and reporting. Photograph sources and credits appear on page 29 and in the accompanying source register.