



TO: Regularly Employed Certified Teachers/Campus Principals

FROM: Dr. Lorenzo Garcia
Superintendent

SUBJECT: Districtwide Educational Improvement Council 2010 Election (Revised1/25/10)

DATE: January 25, 2010

Recently a call for applicants to fill vacancies on the Districtwide Education Improvement Council was held in December, 2009, and successfully filled many vacant positions. However, several important grade level representatives on the Districtwide Education Improvement Council have terms that have expired and are up for re-election. The attached election packet provides another opportunity to be a part of this vital districtwide committee. Since the DEIC is established by law to assist the District in forming instructional initiatives, serving on the committee can provide a unique leadership experience for certified teachers.

Applications for these incumbent positions on DEIC, as listed below, will be distributed to all certified teachers January 25, 2010, with a **deadline of 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2010.** An **on-line election for teachers to vote for their appropriate grade level representative will be held from 6 a.m. Monday, February 1st, 2010, to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2010.**

In order to promote more participation in this key district committee, the Board of Trustees adopted revisions to Policy BQA (LOCAL) on July 29, 2008. These revisions affected the composition of DEIC in order to facilitate more districtwide participation. One important change eliminated the need for signatures in the nomination process. A certified teacher who qualifies for a position up for re-election can nominate themselves and submit their form without signatures. Math, Literacy, and Science Coaches are categorized as teachers for purposes as specified in BQA (LOCAL). Other requirements remain such as a 50-work campaign statement and a photograph of the nominee (preferably electronic).

DEIC meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Professional Development Center, 6500-K Boeing.

For information regarding this important election, please contact Luis Villalobos, manager, Policy Office, PDC, 6500-K Boeing, at lcvilla@episd.org or by calling 587-1181 or 1182.

Current positions up for re-election for the 2010 DEIC Election:

Grade 1 (one position):

Grade 4 (one position):

Middle School (two positions): Grade 7 and Grade 8

Secondary Other (five positions): Any HS or MS teaching category.

Application Procedure: Deadline 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2010

Only certified full time teachers whose teaching assignment qualifies them for the position up for re-election qualify as candidates. After the application form for the 2010 DEIC election is completed, the **applicant must deliver the application in person** (school mail or US mail cannot be used for this purpose) on or before 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2010 at the Public Relations Office/ECB.

Applicant requirements: a digital photograph is preferred and a 50-word campaign statement (see attached form)

If you do not have a digital photograph, you may schedule a photo appointment with Leonel Monroy (Photographer) by calling 887-5491, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies of the application form will be available at the Public Relations Office (ECB), or online at www.episd.org under the District Info section (at the Districtwide Educational Improvement Council link). All election information, including this memo, the election schedule, the application/petition form, election flyer, and policies governing the election, are also available at this site.

Preparation and Voting

1. Principals and department heads should prominently post the election flyer attached.
2. The DEIC election is held online.
3. The on-line ballots can be accessed beginning at 6 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010 by logging on to my.episd.org, and clicking on the DEIC election-voting button. Voting ends at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 2, 2010.
4. Only certified teachers in the grade level with a vacancy may vote for a candidate seeking to represent their respective grade level. Voting is anonymous and cannot be traced to the voter.
5. Employees may vote any time anywhere by logging on my.episd.org.
6. The Superintendent's Cabinet will certify the election results.
7. The applicant with the most votes in each category wins the election.
8. Election results will be posted online at my.episd.org.

Newly elected members will be notified of meeting dates and times for the remainder of the school year by District e- mail from the Policy Office.

ENCLOSURES: Application Form for 2010 DEIC Election
 2010 DEIC Election Schedule
 DEIC 2010 Election Flyer

Copy to: Department Heads
APPROVED: Superintendent's Cabinet October, 2010



Application Form for DEIC Election

Deadline 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2010

Please submit this form accompanied by a 50-word campaign statement (see below), and a personal photograph to the Public Relations Department, Education Center Boeing, 6531 Boeing Drive. ***The applicant must deliver the application form and campaign statement in person.*** A copy of this form with a date/time stamp will serve as a receipt of submission. (Electronic photographs preferred for on-line ballot)

Please type or print.

Applicant _____ (Last) _____ (First) Campus Assignment _____

Candidate for DEIC positions up for re-election (*please check one below*)

(Please check one)

- Elementary School Teacher: _____ Grade 1 (one position available)
- Elementary School Teacher: _____ Grade 4 (one position available)
- Middle School Teacher: _____ Grade 7 (one position available)
- Middle School Teacher: _____ Grade 8 (one position available)
- Secondary Teachers: _____ Any HS or MS grade level (five positions available)

I am hereby voluntarily requesting to run for the position noted above.

Signature of Applicant Date

Received by: _____ (Applicant must receive a copy of this form with a **DATE /TIME STAMP** as a receipt of submission.)

USE SPACE BELOW FOR A CAMPAIGN STATEMENT (50 WORD LIMIT. IF NECESSARY, USE BACK).



2010 DEIC ELECTION SCHEDULE

January 25, 2010

Applications for DEIC position distributed.

**January 29, 2010
(Application deadline)**

The last day to submit an application for this DEIC election is Friday January 29, 2010. Applications must be submitted in person on this date by **4:30 p.m. at the Public Relations Department at Education Center-Boeing**. A copy of the application form will be given to each applicant as a receipt of documents.

February 1-2, 2010

Certified classroom teachers in the grade level or DEIC category being represented are eligible to vote on *my.episd.org*. Voting will be available from 6 a.m. on Monday, February 1st, through 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

February 8, 2010

Superintendent's Cabinet certifies results.

February 9, 2010

Tabulation of results will be posted online at my.episd.org.

Make a Difference!!!
Districtwide Educational
Improvement Council
Election is coming up!

If you are a teacher AND
You want to be on the cutting edge of
shaping the District's future,
The DISTRICTWIDE EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
is where it begins.

*NO signatures/PETITIONS required for nomination!!!
Online voting begins: at 6 a.m., Monday, February 1, 2010,
through
4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2010.*

election packets are available online
at www.episd.org (under District Info tab, DEIC link)
or from:
Policy Office/PDC or Public Relations Office/ECB

*Deadline to apply is
Friday, January 29, 2009
(4:30 p.m. in the Public Relations Office, Ed-Center Boeing)*