**Oak Park Elementary School District 97**  
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**Board of Education Candidate Information Packet**

**Vision Statement**

District 97 strives to create a positive learning environment for all District 97 students that is equitable, inclusive and focused on the whole child.

**Board of Education**

Jung Kim, President; Jeremy Duffy, Vice President; Members: Nancy Ross Dribin, Venus Hurd Johnson, Gavin Kearney, Cheree Moore, Holly Spurlock

**Interim Superintendents**

Dr. Griff Powell and Dr. Patricia Wernet

**Announcement of Board Member Vacancy**The Board of Education of Oak Park School District 97 will make an appointment to fill a vacancy until the next Board election in April 2023, at which time, a two-year term will be up for election.

**Who can apply?**   
Residents of District 97 who are 18 years of age or older, have lived in the district for at least one year and are registered to vote.

**How to apply?**   
All candidates must complete the attached application and submit a resume and cover letter. Applications and materials must be sent to:

Oak Park Elementary School District 97  
Lonya Boose, Board Secretary   
260 Madison St.  
Oak Park, IL 60302

**Application deadline**  
Candidate applications must be received by **September 13**, **2021**, no later than **3 p.m**. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

**Candidate interviews**   
Candidates must be available for interviews at a special meeting of the Board in September 2021.

**Board action**The official appointment to fill the Board vacancy will be made no later than the end of October 2021.

**Questions?**   
Address questions or request additional information from Board Secretary Lonya Boose at   
708-524-3004 or via email at [lboose@op97.org](mailto:lboose@op97.org).

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**Requirements** (Reference: Illinois School Code Section 105ILCS 5/10-10)

**·** Resident of District 97 during the last year

**·** Registered voter and U.S. citizen

**·** Not a registered sex offender

*Board members must be willing to file an annual Statement of Economic Interest with Cook County.*

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Years of residence in District 97: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently, or have you in the past, had children in District 97? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please provide ages and graduation years: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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*Please answer the following questions and submit with your application.*

1. Why do you want to be a board member?
2. What do you think are the biggest challenges facing District 97 in the next five years?
3. Describe your business, community and/or District 97 involvement, including activities and committees?
4. What unique qualities/experience do you have that would make you a good board member?
5. Define the role of the board as you see it. What is your role as a member?
6. Describe any other background qualifications or experiences that are related to school children/youth.
7. Board of Education meetings typically occur on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, with few exceptions. Would you have any conflicts with these days? □Yes □ No

*If yes, explain:*

1. Board committee meetings typically occur prior to board meetings and during evening hours. Would these committee meetings present any conflicts for you? □Yes □ No

*If yes, explain:*

I, , do hereby declare myself as an applicant for appointment to the Board of Education of District 97, County of Cook. I am a registered voter, have resided in the district for at least one year and meet the age requirement. If selected, I will serve the children of the District to the best of my ability.

Candidate’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
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