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The Board of Education welcomes you and thanks you for showing an interest in becoming a board member. We appreciate your taking the time to learn more about us.

If you should have any questions, feel free to contact any of the board members.

Please return the completed Candidacy Form to the Parish Office by 4:00 pm on **Wednesday, April 14, 2021.**

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## St. Anthony Schools Board of Education Statement of Candidacy Form

### Biographical Sketch

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Family: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parish Membership (Number of years): \_\_\_\_\_

Diocesan / Parish Involvement (Past and Present): \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Community Involvement or Board Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation and Educational Background: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Questions for the Candidate:

1. Briefly, why are you interested in serving on the St. Anthony Schools Board of Education, and what do you feel you can contribute?
  
2. What do you see as educational strengths in the schools? What are its weaknesses?

### Statement of Candidacy:

I wish to be a candidate for the St. Anthony Schools Board of Education. If elected, I will attend Board meetings regularly and participate in a pre-service program for new board members.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **What is the Board of Education?**

1. We are concerned and caring parents and parishioners that have the best interest of the total education programs of the parish and schools at heart.
2. We are a group whose expertise and insight fulfills the intent and spirit of the policies established. Included are the pastor, the principals of both the grade school and high school, and the director of operations.
3. We are an advising body, not a governing body, to the pastor, principals, and director of operations.
4. We are the planners who help establish a mission and a strategic plan for successful educational experiences for the entire parish. Our strategic plans are driven by the long range plan of the parish and schools.
5. We accept and support goals and objectives for the educational pursuit of the parish.
6. We are fiscally responsible for developing plans and budgets to finance ongoing educational programs within the school and parish at large.
7. We make every effort to present and implement our Catholic mission to the community. This understanding of mission provides a wider support of the services and programs offered and is a means for parishioners to voice concerns for the educational endeavors of the parish.
8. We are evaluators who determine whether goals and plans are being met. The principals and the board's own effectiveness are evaluated.
9. We are members of the St. Anthony Parish Family who are called to affirm the importance of developing the Catholic Faith and commitment to God within the educational programs of the parish.



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### **Questions to ask yourself before placing your name in for nomination:**

1. Am I reasonably comfortable in a group and able to function as a “team person”?
2. Can I subordinate personal interests for the good of the group?
3. Am I able to express myself with a reasonable amount of clarity in a group situation?
4. Am I able to really hear what others are saying?
5. Can I change my mind on an issue?
6. Can I accept the possibility that others may be better informed on a given issue?
7. Can I accept the fact that the Church is not a democracy and that, for example, the bishop/pastor has the right of veto?
8. Could I uphold the final decision of the board even if I did not personally agree with it?
9. Do I believe in the value of Catholic education as we have it in our diocese/parish today?
10. Would I be willing to accept training, both spiritually and professionally, to become an even better board member?