ALL-STATE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
2019 NOMINATION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY
- Nominees must have served on an AASB member school board within the past 12 months.
- Nominees must be in at least the final year of their first term; in the case of members serving six-year terms; nominees must have served at least 75 percent of the term.
- Nominees must have participated in AASB’s School Board Member Academy.
- Current AASB officers and directors are not eligible.
- Nominations may be submitted by a majority vote of an AASB member school board. Or, individual AASB school board members may nominate any AASB school board member with an endorsement by a majority vote of the nominee’s local school board.
- Only one individual from a board may be nominated for the honor per year.
- Nominees must not have received this award previously.

CRITERIA
Nominating material should emphasize events within the past 12 months and include significant contributions within the last five years. Nominees will be judged on:
- A demonstrated commitment to AASB School Board Member Academy training activities.
- A history of compliance with the training requirements of the School Board Governance Improvement Act of 2012.
- Participation in local, AASB, state and national education activities.
- Proven activism in legislative and/or local issues advocating for K-12 public school children, such as participation in an AASB Advocacy Day and/or the AASB poverty simulation.
- Leadership in local education and related activities (i.e., efforts in a property tax referendum, school consolidation, policy review, etc.).
- Support for the board’s policies and practices.
- Participation in community activities and/or contributions to greater public understanding and support for local schools.
- Commitment to upholding the highest ethical standards for school board members as embodied in the National School Boards Association Code of Ethics.
- Relationship with the superintendent, fellow board members and staff.
- Rapport with local officials/leaders.

SELECTION PROCESS
- Nominations must be received no later than September 6, 2019, and submitted on an official nomination form (copies are acceptable).
- Nominations will be judged based on the submitted materials.
• Nominations will be judged by a diverse, anonymous panel of former school board members who will be cognizant of diversity but select the most deserving candidates.
• No more than five members annually will be named All-State School Board Members.
• Winners will be recognized at AASB’s Annual Convention and through other appropriate methods as determined by the AASB Board of Directors.
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ALL-STATE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
2019 NOMINATION FORM

This official nomination form must be used to submit a nomination (may be copied), sent to the Alabama Association of School Boards, and postmarked by the September 6, 2019, deadline. The selection committee will base its decision solely upon the nomination form and three letters of recommendation.

Name of Nominee

Address

School Board

Length of Service: From________________ To________________

SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Please respond to the items below in order on a separate sheet(s) and include specific dates for terms of service, offices, committee leadership or related activities. Include all information and be as specific as possible. It is not necessary to have an entry in each category. DO NOT SEND DOCUMENTS OTHER THAN THOSE REQUESTED.

Section I. Activities. (Please submit the information below using the A-F format)

A. Attach nominee’s boardmanship training activities statement listing AASB’s School Board Member Academy credits and levels achieved. (AASB will supply a printout upon request.) List participation in other AASB, state and national education activities. Note whether nominee has consistently complied with training requirements of School Board Governance Improvement Act of 2012. (30 points)

B. Describe nominee’s leadership and participation in local education and board-related activities and support for the board’s policies and practices. Include contributions to greater public understanding and support for local schools. Be specific. (30 points)

C. Describe nominee’s activism on legislative and/or issues pertaining to K-12 schools. Be specific. Note whether nominee has participated in an AASB Advocacy Day or AASB’s poverty simulation. (20 points)

D. Describe nominee’s involvement in community activities. (This should include non-education activities. (10 points)
E. Has the nominee ever been the subject of an ethics complaint? If so, explain the situation and how it was resolved. (0 points)

Section II. Letters of Recommendation.
Please attach one letter of recommendation from each of the following categories: (10 points)

A. Letter from past or present superintendent attesting to the nominee’s relationship with the superintendent, fellow board members, staff and general leadership attributes.

B. Letter from past or present board member attesting to the nominee’s commitment to ethical boardmanship standards, support for board policy and other leadership qualities.

C. Letter from local elected official attesting to the nominee’s rapport with local leaders.

Section III. Photograph

Please attach a photograph of the nominee.

Section IV. Resolution

Provide a copy of the nomination resolution approved by the board.

School Board President’s Signature
(Vice President may sign if the president is the nominee.)

Date ______________________

Submit to:

Susan Salter
Alabama Association of School Boards
P.O. Box 4980
Montgomery, AL 36103-4980

Or

ssalter@alabamaschoolboards.org

Deadline: September 6, 2019
TIPS FOR A WINNING NOMINATION

Help the judges see what you see in your nominee

- Explain the significance or impact of each activity where possible. For example, don’t just say the nominee lobbied the legislature frequently. Explain what the nominee lobbied for and how his/her activities benefited the school board and/or school system or education generally.

- Don’t just attach a resume. Answer the specific questions and provide details and context to help the judges see how your nominee meets each specific criterion. This makes it easy for the judges to see the nominee’s qualifications. For example, in describing the nominee’s involvement in non-education community activities, share information about the degree of participation if possible. (Was the nominee a project chairman? What was the impact of the activity or the nominee’s involvement?)

- Go for detail, not “glitz.” Instead, give a complete description of the nominee’s activities. For example, don’t just say the nominee completed the School Board Member Academy. Explain the nominee’s commitment to training and how what he/she has learned has helped your school system.

- Make sure your nomination is received on or before the September 6, 2019, deadline.