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Application Process Opened for Vacant School Board Seat

Msvl., WA - The Marysville School District Board of Directors is accepting applications to replace the position of District 3 Board Director, serving the central areas of the school district (see [map](#) for reference). The elected board candidate for District 3, Sherry Weersing, notified the school district in writing on December 9, 2021, that she has decided not to accept her election as the Director for this district.

State law requires the remaining school board members to appoint a replacement within 90 days of the vacancy notification. The appointed director will fill the seat until the next odd-year election (November 2023) and, if interested, will need to file their intent to run for the new 4-year term (November 2023 - November 2027). The filing window with the Snohomish County Elections Office for the new 4-year term will be in May of 2023.

Applications for the open seat are being accepted now through January 7, 2022, at 4:30 pm. Application packets are available at the district's Educational Service Center at 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98270, or online at <https://www.msd25.org/page/school-board-application>.

The district will utilize the following criteria for the selection of the replacement board member based on the Washington School Board Standards:

- **Values and Ethical Behavior** – Maintains a belief that all students can learn at high levels and places students' needs first. Models high ethical standards. Commits to treating each individual with dignity and respect.
- **Leadership** – Contributes to thoughtful governance discussions and decisions by being well-informed, open-minded, and deliberative. A collaborative team member who understands that the authority rests with the Board as a whole and not with an individual director. Works in collaboration to develop and support the district's Strategic Plan. Follows through on commitments – with passion, in word and action, for all students.
- **Professional Development** – Willing to commit the time and energy necessary to be informed and competent. Desire to stay abreast of current issues, research, applicable laws, regulations, and policies that affect public education. Supports professional development, individually and with the board/superintendent team.

- **Equity Focused** – Commitment to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps of our students through the development of policies that eliminate systematic disparities and barriers to an inclusive environment
- **Excellent Communication** – Respectful two-way communicator, including skills in active listening, speaking in public, and dialoguing – while maintaining an open mind.
- **Accountability** – Contributions to school, community, and youth-focused activities; one who consistently operates with integrity and is accountable to the community.

Interviews will be held after the application process closes, with an announcement of the appointed director made at a future school board meeting where the Oath of Office will be administered.

More information about serving on the school board is available on the district website at <https://www.msd25.org/page/board-of-directors>.

Interested parties must reside in the Director District Area 3. The area map and description can be viewed on the district website at <https://www.msd25.org/o/District/page/meet-the-board> or verified by calling the Snohomish County Elections office at (425) 388-3444. The Snohomish County Elections office provides resources for those interested in serving including a [Candidate Guide](#).

For more information, contact the Superintendent's Office at (360) 965-0001 or email toni_bartley@msd25.org.

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