

## **EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES**

### Information and Forms

Article 32 of the Education Law addresses the filing of expenditure statements by candidates for election to a board of education.

Any candidate whose total campaign contributions or expenditures exceed \$500 must prepare a sworn statement or statements itemizing such contributions and/or expenditures. These statements must be filed with both the local school district clerk and with the commissioner of education.

Any candidate who receives \$500.00 or less in campaign contributions is not required to file an itemized contribution statement with either the district clerk or the commissioner. Similarly, any candidate who spends \$500 or less is not required to file an itemized expenditure statement with either the district clerk or the commissioner. Such candidates need only file a sworn statement with the district clerk, indicating that neither his or her contributions (if applicable) nor expenditures (if applicable) exceeded \$500.00. A sample of a statement for Campaign Contributions and Expenditures under \$500.00 is attached.

A candidate's itemized contribution statements (where required), must include the dollar value or fair market value of the contribution, the names and address of the contributor, and if the contributor is a political committee as defined by Election Law §14-100, the statement must include the name of the committee and the political unit represented by the committee. Candidates must report "any receipt, contribution or transfer."

A candidate's itemized expenditure statement (where required) must list all moneys or other valuable things paid, given, expended or promised by [the candidate], or incurred for or on the candidate's behalf with his/her approval... by any person, firm, association or corporation, to aid his/her own nomination or election, or to aid or influence the nomination or defeat of any candidate to be voted for at the election. Education Law §1528(1)(a). A sample of a statement for Campaign Contributions or Expenditures over \$500.00 is attached.

Under §1528(c), any expenditure made by a person or persons without the approval of the candidate is limited to the sum of \$25.00, and that person is also obligated to file a sworn statement with the clerk of the school district and the commissioner stating that the candidate did not approve such expenditure. A sample of such a statement is also attached. In cases where the candidate does not approve expenditures, those expenditures are not included in determining the \$500.00 limit set forth above.

Personal expenses incurred by a candidate include:

Only payments for traveling expenses and expenses incidental thereto, for writing, printing, and preparing for transmission of any letter, circular, or other publication not issued at regular intervals, containing a statement of the position or views of the candidate or person upon public or other questions, for stationary and postage and for telegraph, telephone and other public messenger service. Education Law §1528(2).

These expenses are limited to those which are directly and personally incurred and paid for by the candidate.

The statements shall be filed at three separate times:

1. A preliminary statement must be filed no later than thirty (30) days before the election. (DUE MONDAY May 11, 2020).
2. A second statement must be filed no later than five (5) days before the election. (DUE TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2020).
3. A third and final statement must be filed within twenty (20) days after the election. (DUE MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020).

If a candidate receives a contribution in excess of \$1,000.00 after the closing date for the most recent required statement, but before the election, the candidate must report it 24 hours after receipt.

It is not necessary that the subsequent statements contain an itemization of information contained in prior statements, but the subsequent statements shall include a summary of all contributions and expenditures reported in any previous statements. Education Law §§1529(2), (3).

Once statements are received, they shall be kept by the school district for a period of three years from the date of filing. Since the expenditure statements constitute a part of the public records of the school district, they are open to public inspection. Education Law §1529(4).

Section 1530 of the Education Law provides a remedy available to any candidate voted for at the election or by any five qualified voters in the event a candidate fails to file a statement or if a statement is incorrectly filed. The candidate or any five qualified voters may petition a justice of the Supreme Court to issue an order compelling such candidate to file a statement of expenditures or contributions for campaign purposes. The candidate should be required to comply with such order within five (5) days after notice of the order by filing a new or supplemental statement.

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In the Matter of the Expenditures and Contributions of

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**AFFIDAVIT**

a candidate for the Board of Education  
of the Great Neck Union Free District.

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STATE OF NEW YORK )

) ss.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU )

\_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn, deposes and says:  
(Candidate's Name)

1. This affidavit is submitted pursuant to the provisions of Education Law §1528.
2. I am a candidate running for election to a seat on the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District.
3. The aggregate amount of all contributions received by me and/or expenditures incurred by me, or by others with my approval, to aid my nomination and/or election to the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District did not exceed five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the period \_\_\_\_\_ through and including \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidate's Signature)

Sworn to before me this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**(Affidavit for those who spend \$0 - \$500)**



promised by me during said period is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidate's Signature)

Sworn to before me this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**(Affidavit for those who spend \$501 and upward)**

\* The required contribution statement shall include the dollar amount and/or fair market value of any receipt, contribution or transfer which is other than of money, the name and address of the transferor, contributor or person from whom it was received and if the transferor, contributor or person is a political committee as defined by Election Law §14-100(1).

