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March 3, 2025

Dear Potential Board of Education Member,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding a potential run for the Allegany-Limestone Board of Education. Enclosed is information pertinent to your interest. To be eligible a candidate must meet the following criteria:

- A citizen of the United States
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older
- Able to read and write
- A legal resident one (1) year prior to election
- Cannot be an employee of the Allegany-Limestone School District
- The only member of his/her family (that is, cannot be a member of the same household) on the Allegany-Limestone Central School District Board
- May not simultaneously hold another, incompatible public office
- Must not have been removed from a school district office within one year preceding the date of the election to the Board

Materials designed to give you a feel for the roles, responsibilities and commitments of serving as a BOE member are also enclosed as numbered below. We hope they assist you in your plans to run in the upcoming election. Materials include:

1. Petition to run for a seat in the May 20, 2025 Allegany-Limestone Board Election
2. District Vision and Mission
3. School Profile
4. District Organizational Chart (24-25)
5. Board of Education Committees-Roles/Responsibilities
6. Candidate Information Form (please return with signed petition and picture)
7. Information from the New York State School Boards related to:
 - Questions & Answers for Prospective School Board Members

If there is a contested election, the Board of Education may sponsor a meet the candidates night prior to the election. A letter of invitation will be sent to candidates once the deadline for petitions has passed.

Success as a Board of Education member includes the following commitments:

- Regular attendance at BOE meetings (typically 1 or 2 meetings on Tuesday each month)
- Attendance at Board Retreat (usually an evening in September or October)
- Participation in Fiscal Oversight Training for new Board Members (required by New York State). This has been made easier by on-line access.
- Participation in Orientation Sessions to assist in the transition.

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- Learning and professional growth including but not limited to:

- The Cattaraugus-Allegany School Board Association holds several dinner meetings each year. These are opportunities to learn, meet with other Boards, and advocate for schools via a regional initiative.
- Professional Development Workshops sponsored by the New York State School Boards (in person and on line) allow BOE members to grow in understanding of key governance topics.
- The New York State School Board Conference is scheduled for October 23, 2025 through October 25, 2025, in New York City. This event is full of workshops and opportunities to interact with BOE members from across the state.

Effective Board of Education members must model a value for learning, as informed policy making and fiscal decision making is at the core of the BOE role.

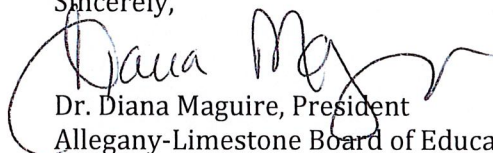
Please return the enclosed Candidate Information Form and a picture with your signed petition. Directions for completing the petition and candidate information form appear on each of the forms. Information from this form will be shared with the media so that the public has quality information upon which to base their decision.

Please feel free to call the district office with questions. School Business Administrator - Daniele Vecchio is available at 375-6600 ext. 2012 or via dvecchio@alcsny.org, District Clerk-Kristin Colburn at 375-6600 ext. 2006 or via kcolburn@alcsny.org.

Superintendent-Mr. Tony Giannicchi 375-6600 (ext. 2006) (tgiannicchi@alcsny.org) is also available to assist you. You may also reach me at dsmauire@alcsny.org.

We appreciate your willingness to serve the community through our children.

Sincerely,



Dr. Diana Maguire, President
Allegany-Limestone Board of Education

The Clerk, Board of Education
Allegany - Limestone Central School District
3131 Five Mile Road
Allegany, New York 14706

Allegany, New York 2023

Election of one (1) Member of the Board of Education: for a term of five (5) years.

Whereas one (1) candidate will be elected to the term to fill the vacancy occurring on said Board of Education,
we the undersigned authorized voters of this school district do hereby nominate

_____ of _____
Name Address
as Board Member of the Allegany - Limestone Central School District, Towns of Allegany, Carrollton, Hinsdale,
Humphrey and Olean, New York.

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In order for this petition to be valid, it must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District and filed with the Clerk,
Board of Education, no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2025. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 20,
2025 from noon to 8:00 p.m.

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Allegheny-Limestone Central School



Vision

Allegheny-Limestone Central School will create and sustain a safe, nurturing, and rigorous learning environment in which all students are challenged and prepared to accomplish their goals.

Mission

By instilling a sense of inquiry, inclusiveness, adaptability, creativity and character, the ALCS community will prepare our students as lifelong learners and problem solvers.

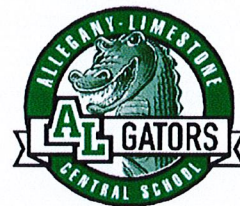
PROFILE INFORMATION 2024

Joseph Steger, Principal

Allegany-Limestone Middle-High School

www.alcsny.org

3131 Five Mile Road,
Allegany, NY 14706



School Counselors:

- ❖ **Jill Bogart**
jbogart@alcsny.org
- ❖ **Ashley Malpiedi**
amalpiedi@alcsny.org
- ❖ **Kelsie Simon**
ksimon@alcsny.org
- ❖ **Rose Stayer-Ruffner**
rruffner@alcsny.org

POST HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS

- Four-Year
College/University: 43%
- Two-Year
College/Technical: 29%
- Military Service: 3%
- Work: 25%

DESTINATIONS OF ALCS GRADUATES

United States Air Force Academy
Alfred State College
Alfred University
Canisius College
Case Western Reserve University
Coastal Carolina University
Dickinson College
Edinboro University
Gannon University
Jamestown Community College
Keuka College
Kent State University
Mercyhurst University
Mount Holyoke College
Nazareth University
North Carolina State University
Penn State University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Inst. Of Technology
Savannah College of Art & Design
St. Bonaventure University
St. John Fisher College
St. Lawrence University
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Geneseo
U of Florida
U of Hartford
U of Minnesota- Twin Cities
U of Pittsburgh- Bradford
U of Pittsburgh
U of South Carolina
Wake Forest University
Washington and Jefferson College
West Virginia University

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROFILE

Allegany-Limestone High School serves the Village and Town of Allegany and Limestone located in Southern Western New York. Allegany-Limestone is a district serving 9,000 citizens. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 14.7% of the population in Cattaraugus County lives below the poverty line, and 19.1% of individuals 25 and up have received a bachelor's degree between the years of 2015 and 2019.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Grade 9	81
Grade 10	83
Grade 11	75
Grade 12	87
Total Enrollment	= 326

ACCREDITATION

New York State Regents

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Allegany-Limestone offers programs of study in traditional college preparatory as well as vocational and occupational studies. All students have access to an elective program including art, vocal and instrumental music, business education, family and consumer sciences, technology education, and social science classes.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

JCC Courses (14)
Forensic Science and Earth Science through Syracuse University (SUPA)
Giant Step Program, St. Bonaventure University
New Visions, Health Professions
New Visions, Education Professions
Honors Program
Pre-Engineering Program, Project Lead the Way, credit available through Rochester Institute of Technology

COMPUTING GPA

Weighted GPA is all courses' final average multiplied by their weight then totaled. The sum is divided by the number of credits earned. Courses in progress are not included in the GPA. Unweighted GPA is the sum of the final average divided by the number of credits earned. (A half year course's final average is divided in half.)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must earn a minimum of 22 credits
4 units each of English and Social Studies
3 units of credit in Mathematics and Science
1 unit of Art and/or Music
1 unit of Foreign Language
½ unit in Health
2 units of credit in Physical Education

GRADING SYSTEM

Numerical Grading

WEIGHTING

Standard	1.00
Honors	1.07
College	1.12

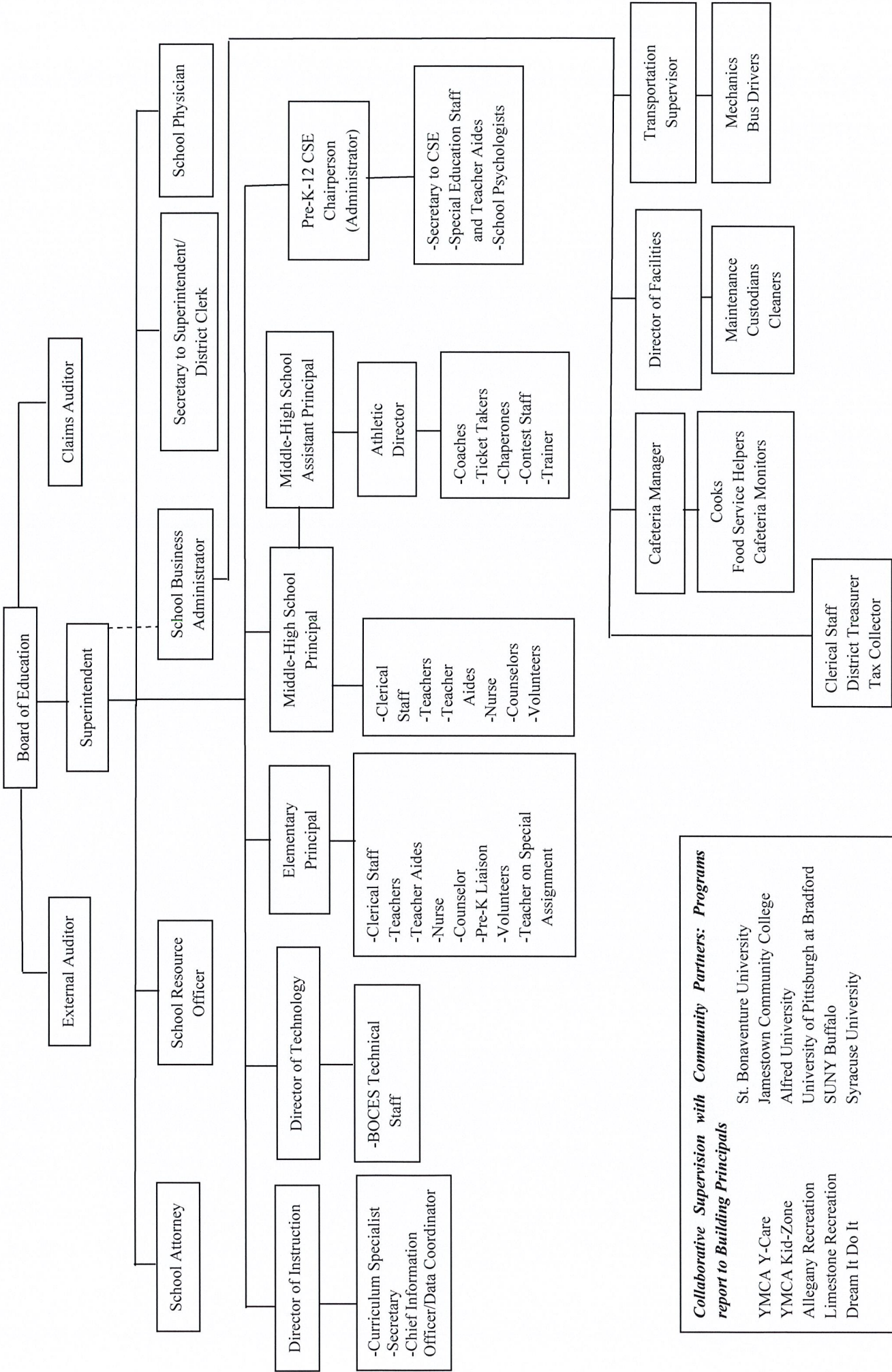
All students must pass a New York State Regents examination in English, Mathematics, US History, Global History and Science. To earn a New York State Advanced Regents Diploma, students must meet additional sequence and testing requirements.

SAT RESULTS ALCS 3 Year Average

EBRW Mean:	ALMHS	National	Math Mean:	ALMHS	National
	538	480		530	530

ALEGANY- LIMESTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2024-2025

The chart below depicts only the supervisory relationships within the District.



Collaborative Supervision with Community Partners: Programs report to Building Principals

YMCA Y-Care
 YMCA Kid-Zone
 Allegany Recreation
 Limestone Recreation
 Dream It Do It

St. Bonaventure University
 Jamestown Community College
 Alfred University
 University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
 SUNY Buffalo
 Syracuse University

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Board of Education Committees – Roles/Responsibilities

The Allegany-Limestone Board of Education includes the following standing Advisory Committees:

- Budget
- Curriculum
- Personnel

Each Committee is responsible to:

- Review the Committee charge and organize in a manner consistent with the district beliefs and BOE Operating Principles.
- Select a Committee Chairperson who will:
 - Work with the Superintendent to develop meeting agendas
 - Assure that the meeting date and time are shared with Committee Members.
 - Lead the discussion of the Committee
- Review information, proposals, or concerns brought by the Superintendent, or the Board of Education and work with the Superintendent and Committee Chairperson to determine what information is necessary to come to an informed consensus.
- Review each issue from the perspectives of all stake holders.
- Actively discuss all aspects of the topic prior to coming to consensus.
- **Prepare to advise the Board of Education prior to a Board of Education decision, providing the pros and cons as well as the committee's consensus advice.**

A Task Force for Specific Topics will:

- Review the Task Force charge and organize in a manner consistent with the district beliefs and BOE Operating Principles.
- Determine additional representatives/expertise necessary to inform the Task Force.
- Develop a schedule so that recommendation can be made according by the target date.
- Select the Task Force Chairperson who will:
 - Work with the Superintendent to develop meeting agendas
 - Assure that the meeting date and time are published
 - Lead the discussion of the Committee
 - Report the findings and recommendation of the Task Force (orally or in writing)
- Review information; working with the Superintendent and Committee Chairperson to determine what information is necessary to come to an informed consensus.
- Review the issue from the perspectives of all stake holders.
- Actively discuss all aspects of the topic prior to coming to consensus.
- Prepare to advise the Board of Education prior to a Board of Education decision.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Please share information to the degree that you are comfortable in the areas below. The information, except for phone and email address, will be shared with Olean Times Herald. We would also appreciate you sharing a picture for inclusion in the brochure for Meet the Candidates Night (in the event we hold one). If it is easier for you to send the information via email, please email it to kcolburn@alcsny.org.

Feel free to call with any questions that arise throughout this process.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Educational Background:

Current Employment:

Civic or Professional Organizations/Volunteer Experience:

Describe what made you decide to run for the ALCS Board of Education:

Q & A for Prospective Board Members

What is a School Board?

A school board is a corporate body that oversees and manages a public school district's affairs, personnel, and properties.

- admission, instruction, discipline, grading, classification of students;
- employment & management of staff;
- purchasing, leasing, maintaining, insuring school buildings, properties, equipment and supplies;
- detailed statement of estimated expenditures (proposed budget)

What are the Qualifications?

In a common, union free, central, central high school or small city school district:

- must be able to read and write
- must be a qualified voter of the district-U.S. citizen, 18 or older, not incompetent;
- must be a district resident at least one year-continuous and uninterrupted;
- must not have been removed from district office within preceding year;
- must not reside with another member of same school board as member of same family;
- must not be a current employee of the school board;
- cannot simultaneously hold another incompatible public office;

and...

- yes, a former employee of the school district may serve on the school board;
- yes, an individual may be a school board member even if that person's spouse, children, or other relatives are employed by the district;
- yes, a member of the clergy may be a school board member.

How Much Time Should I Expect To Spend?

The average board member reports spending approximately 6 hours a week on board work. Some seasons board members may serve longer hours, for example during budget preparation.

What is the Authority of a Board Member?

- Unless the board has taken official action to designate an individual member as the representative of the board for a particular purpose, an individual board member has no more authority than any other qualified voter of the district.
- As an individual board member, you have no legal powers. You can exercise your powers as a board member only through board action.

- A school board is required to transact its business in the same manner as the governing body of any corporation; that is its acts are required to be authorized by resolutions or motions duly adopted or passed by a majority of the whole board at a properly constituted meeting of the board.
- A board of education is a public corporation whose purpose and authority are set forth in the State Education Law and other sections of law.
- A board of education has no inherent powers and possesses only those powers expressly delegated by statute or necessarily and reasonably implied therefrom.

What are the Characteristics Common to Effective Board Members?

- **Focus** on Outcomes, Future, Governance
- **Communicate** - not just speak, actively listen;
- **Think Critically** - facts, relevance, effects;
- **Team** - w/board, superintendent, community;
- **Lead** - agent of change/navigator through change;
- **Learn** - continuously.

What are the Major Roles of Board Members?

***Representative** - of the entire community*

***Steward** - of the district's resources*

***Leader** - of the district*

***Advocate** - for public education*

How do School Boards Fulfill Their Responsibilities?

- **Sets the District's Direction** - Drawing upon the community, the board describes a shared vision, and establishes goals, standards, and strategy to transform vision into reality;
- **Ensures Alignment** - of strategy, resources, policies, programs, and processes with district goals;
- **Assesses & Accounts for Progress** - using comprehensive data, thorough deliberation, and open communication;
- **Continuously Improves** the district - accentuating and reinforcing the positive, and correcting the negative.

What Pay Does a Board Member Receive?

School board members may not receive compensation for their services unless expressly authorized by an act of state Legislature...However...may be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their official duties...also may receive reimbursement to cover the cost of conferences. (30th Edition, School Law, pg. 31, Section 2:39)

But...

It's a job with incredible perks. You get invited to read to kindergartners. You hand out diplomas at high school graduations. And you know that every decision you make has a direct impact on children.

What Legal Liability Does a School Board Member Incur?

There is immunity for school board members when they carry out official functions within the context of a school board meeting. For immunity to apply, these functions cannot be exclusively ministerial. They must involve the exercise of discretion or expert judgment in policy matters.

School board members...may be individually liable in a civil rights action if they knew or should have known that their actions would violate the federal constitutional or federal statutory rights of a person.

How Do I Become a Candidate?

Submit nominating petition to district clerk;

- *signed by at least 25 qualified district voters,*
- *or 2% of number who voted in previous annual election, whichever is greater;*
- *in small city districts, must be signed by at least 100 qualified voters.*
- *ordinarily, the petition must include: candidate's name & residence; residence of persons signing; specific seat which candidate seeks (n/a if district has at-large positions); name of incumbent; length of the term of office to be filled.*

However, in small city school districts...

- *candidates run "at large;"*
- *so, only if voters have adopted proposition requiring candidates to run for specific seats must the nominating petition name the specific seat.*

How do I file the petition?

- *in the office of the district clerk*
- *not later than 30 days (20 days in small city school districts) before the election date.*
- *between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.*

When is the Election?

Each school district (except Albany and Big 5) must hold its board election on the third Tuesday in May.

Do I Need to Disclose Expenditures and Contributions?