

Our Schools Coalition

OUR SCHOOLS COALITION: “BOARD CORPS”

School Board members do some of the most complex, impactful public service in our community. As citizens, we elect them to govern a system capable of providing every child a quality education. Decisions made by the School Board on any given day impact every child, teacher, principal and family. Please join Board Corps – a group of citizens passionate about the success of our public schools. Your involvement will help create the conditions for our Seattle schools to flourish.

Board Corps Commitments:

	Description	Est. Time	Notes
TRAINING	Receive training on the <i>Core Characteristics of Effective School Boards</i> .	2 hours	2 sessions will be offered in March/April for scheduling convenience.
MEETINGS	Attend the OSC Board Corps gathering the week of May 18, 2015 to review the roster of School Board candidates.	2 hours	Candidate filing deadline is May 15, 2015.
	Attend three (3) or more Seattle School Board meetings between April – October, completing and submitting the “Board Watch” evaluation worksheet.	6 hours (2 hrs x 3)	<i>Core Characteristics</i> training will prepare volunteers for this activity.
SHARING	Host or co-host a “Neighborhood Meet-Up” before the primary election (Aug 4 th) and the general election (Nov 3 rd)	4 hours (2 hrs x 2)	Gather 10+ friends and neighbors to evaluate candidates against the <i>Core Characteristics</i> . Support for refreshments up to \$35 can be provided upon request.
Estimated Time Commitment		14 hours	Over 9 months (March – Nov 2015)
Estimated Impact		Incalculable	

Optional Board Corps Activities:

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MEDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be available to return media calls, speaking as a parent/community member knowledgeable about effective School Board governance • Author an op-ed (writing support available) 	
MEETINGS	Participate in “Book Study” of Municipal League report on school governance in King County	To be released in June or July, 2015
SHARING	Participate in an “Endorser Roadshow” meeting (along with 1-2 others Corps members) to share the <i>Core Characteristics of Effective School Boards</i>	Endorsement schedules still being finalized

About Board Corps

Board Corps members are parents or guardians of current, incoming, or graduated SPS student; SPS alumnus; or community leaders invested in the success of our public education system. Fundamental is every Corps’ members’ commitment to be an unbiased, objective observer of Seattle School Board governance.