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A Chance to Serve the City on the Boston School Committee

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Applications are due on October 20th or November 7th depending on position sought

As noted in the Research Bureau's September [Bureau Update](#), Mayor Walsh will appoint two School Committee members at two different times before the end of 2014. Applications are now being accepted for the open position due to the resignation of Margaret McKenna and the seat held by Rev. Gregory Groover that will expire on January 5, 2015. The two individuals finally selected will serve at a particularly important time since the School Committee, with the Mayor, will select a new Superintendent in 2015. The members of the School Committee will work with the Superintendent to improve student performance and turn around underperforming schools, a critical educational, social, and economic objective for the City.

Applicants must be Boston residents and the two individuals selected will serve four-year terms. The individual selected to fill the current vacant position will technically serve out the remaining term of Margaret McKenna which expires on January 5, 2015, and in December presumably will be appointed by the Mayor to a full four-year term starting on January 5, 2015.

The Mayor's second appointment will be for a full four-year term starting on January 5. Rev. Groover was originally appointed to the School Committee in 2007 and has not yet indicated whether he will apply for a new term.

Application Requirements

Applications for the vacant School Committee seat are due by Monday, **October 20th at 3:00 P.M.** The application includes a questionnaire on education-related topics. Applications for the second position must be submitted by Tuesday, **November 7 at 3:00 P.M.** Applicants for the first position not selected will be considered for the second position as well.

All applications should be emailed to: scnominatingpanel@boston.gov or may be mailed to the address on the top of the application document.

The [application](#) and a one-page statement on the [role and operation](#) of the School Committee are available to assist interested candidates.