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TO: Component School District Clerks
Component District Board of Education Members and Trustees

FROM: Maureen E. Davey, Clerk of the BOCES

SUBJECT: Nominating Procedure and Minimum Qualifications of Nominees for Individuals Interested in running for Membership on the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton Board of Cooperative Educational Services

You are hereby notified that the BOCES will accept nominations until March 16, 2026, for the following vacancies:

Three (3) vacancies each for a three-year term of office from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029:

The present incumbents whose terms will expire on June 30, 2026 are:

- Joanne Williams, Lake Placid, New York
- Donald Whitmore, III, Tupper Lake, New York
- Maryellen Cooke, Salmon River, New York

Two (2) vacancies for a two-year term of office from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028:

These seats recently became vacant because we received no nominations from St. Regis Falls, Long Lake or Raquette Lake. There is currently a vacant seat on the BOCES Board, and we are soliciting nominations for a two-year term. Currently Long Lake and Raquette Lake do not have representation on the FEH BOCES Board.

The BOCES Board appointed one new member this year for vacant seat from St. Regis Falls Central School District. BOCES Board appointments may only serve for the remainder of the school year, so we must solicit nomination for this seat. The current incumbent appointee for this seat is:

- Nicholas Cinnhinelli, St. Regis Falls, New York

We strongly encourage those districts to make a nomination. All other school districts are able to make a nomination to fill the empty seat and that nomination will be considered if Long Lake and/or Raquette Lake fail to make a nomination. These terms will expire on June 30, 2028:

The current incumbent appointee for this seat is:

One (1) Vacancy for a one-year term of office from July 1, 2026, to June 20, 2027

The BOCES Board appointed one new member this year for vacant seat from Chateaugay Central School District. BOCES Board appointments may only serve for the remainder of the school year, so we must solicit nomination for this seat. The current incumbent appointee for this seat is:

- Lori Green, Chateaugay, New York

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The election will occur on April 21, 2026, as component district boards of education and trustees vote at meetings held in their individual districts.

Eligibility Criteria for Nomination of Candidates for Election to the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton Board of Cooperative Educational Services:

No nomination of a person to be elected to a board of cooperative educational services from a component district which currently has a resident serving on such board shall be accepted unless such board exceeds the number of component school districts or unless an unrepresented district declines to make a nomination. Education Law §1950, Subdivision 2-a(b))

No person shall be eligible to hold the office of member of a board of cooperative educational services who does not reside within the boundaries of a component school district of any such board. (Education Law §1950, Subdivision 9-a)

A certified copy of a resolution nominating a person to the BOCES must be transmitted to the District Clerk of the BOCES by March 16, 2026.

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Enclosure (Current Members of BOCES and Districts of Residence)

cc: Component School Superintendents
Members, Board of Cooperative Educational Services

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