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## Spring Lake Public Schools Board Seat to Open

Katie Pigott takes a job out of state; Spring Lake Public Schools must fill the school board seat

A Spring Lake Public Schools School Board seat will be open for applicants starting August 4.

Board member, Katie Pigott, has taken a job opportunity in another state which has demanded immediacy in her move, creating the vacancy.

Pigott has found her time on the board rewarding: "It's been an incredible honor to serve in a hands-on role supporting public education and watching our decisions directly impact students' lives."

As Spring Lake Public Schools looks for a community member to fill the role, there are a few requirements to keep in mind: the candidate must be an eligible voter within the Spring Lake Public Schools district and must be available for monthly board meetings as well as appointed committee meetings.

Beyond the basic requirements, however, Jennifer Nicles, board president, highlights additional qualities of an exemplary board member by saying the candidate "Must be an informed decision maker and willing to listen to all viewpoints" as well as "...approachable and visible within our district and community."

Dennis Furton, superintendent of schools, has set a clear timeline and process for filling the seat. All interested parties must submit a letter of interest highlighting their qualifications for being a board member by August 15. The letters may be submitted by email at <u>dfurton@springlakeschools.org</u> or may be sent/delivered to the central office at 345 Hammond Street in Spring Lake.

Interviews will be held during a special open board meeting on August 22 at 7pm.



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