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January 9, 2015

TO: Applicants Interested in the Board of Education Opening

FROM: Pamela Able, Superintendent

Thank you for your interest in the opening on the Modesto City Schools Board of Education. You should know the following:

1. The vacancy is created due to the resignation of Rubén Villalobos. The appointee will serve until the next regular election in November 2015. At that time, the vacancy will be open to election for the remainder of the original term, ending December 2017.
2. To be eligible for the appointment, the person must currently be, and have been for at least thirty days preceding the appointment, a resident and registered voter of the Modesto City Schools district under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education.
3. The procedure for filling the vacancy has been approved by the Board of Education and includes the following steps:
  - a) The attached application and candidate's statement must be completed and returned to the Modesto City Schools District Office Receptionist, 426 Locust Street, by noon, January 20, 2015. Failure to meet this deadline will remove the applicant from consideration.
  - b) All eligible candidates who have completed the application and met the deadline noted above will be notified of when and where they are to be interviewed by the Board of Education in a public meeting, which will occur on January 26, 2015. Depending on the number of applicants, further meetings may take place on January 29 and February 2, if needed.
  - c) All candidates will be provided with a list of written questions which the Board will ask during the interviews. The Board may also ask clarifying questions not on the list. The written questions will be provided to the applicant by the Office of the Superintendent at the time candidates submit their application.
  - d) The Board of Education will deliberate and announce the appointment no later than February 3, 2015.



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4. The appointee shall begin serving a thirty-day provisional period the day after the appointment is announced. During the provisional period, the appointee has no official powers or duties.
5. During the thirty-day provisional period, the registered voters of the district may petition for a special election to fill the vacancy. The petition must contain the City Clerk's estimate of the cost of the special election and must have verifiable signatures of at least 1.5% of the registered voters.
6. If no valid petition is filed within the thirty-day period, the appointee shall become a regular member of the Board of Education with all powers, duties and benefits.

Final Note: This process is governed by very tight timelines. It is the responsibility of the candidates to make themselves available at the times and dates specified above. Failure to do so will result in the candidate's removal from consideration.

Again, thank you for your interest in Modesto City Schools.

If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Mastras, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 576-4115, or Beckie Hurst, Executive Secretary to the Board, at 576-4141.

Sincerely,



Pamela Able  
Superintendent

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Attachments: Application Form  
Candidates' Statement Form

FYI, if you would like to access the Modesto City Schools Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), please go to the following link:

<https://www.mcs4kids.com/district/lcff-&-lcap>

**APPLICATION**  
**MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**For Office Use:  
Stamped Receipt**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Residence at Above Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ \*Registered Voter? Yes  No

Live Inside District High School Boundaries? Yes  No

Related to Current Modesto City Schools Employee? Yes  No

If Yes, Person's Name and Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Education (highest school year, degrees, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Highlights: \_\_\_\_\_

Use reverse side if needed

Prior Public Service (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Present and Past Community Activities (do not list partisan political activities): \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Candidacy (Use attached statement form) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note: "No person shall be eligible to be nominated for or to hold office as a member of the Board of Education unless the person is and shall have been for at least thirty (30) days preceding the person's nomination or appointment a resident and registered elector of the school district or districts which are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education." Modesto Municipal Code, City of Modesto Charter, Article XV, Section 1500.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Deliver to: Modesto City Schools – 426 Locust Street (Receptionist)**

**IMPORTANT** To be considered, applications must be received by noon, January 20, 2015.

