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Plenty of school board positions up for grabs this fall

Sixty percent of board members in Kitsap and North Mason school districts will see their terms expire in November



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School boards in Kitsap and Mason counties could look quite different by the end of 2023. Recent additions to the five-member boards in Bainbridge Island and Central Kitsap speak to that fact.

With the [February resignations of former board members](#) Christina Hulet and Lynn Smith (Bainbridge Island) and Rob MacDermid (Central Kitsap), replacements have been selected. In late March, Kristin Hay took over for MacDermid as Central Kitsap's District 2 director, while Evan Saint-Clair took over for Hulet as Bainbridge Island's District 4 director. On Thursday, Kelly Cancialosi is scheduled to be sworn in as Bainbridge Island's District 1 director, replacing Smith.



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It remains to be seen how long Hay, Saint-Clair and Cancialosi will serve in their positions. Of the 30 total school board members serving Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Central Kitsap, North Kitsap, North Mason and South Kitsap, 18 will see their four-year terms expire in November. Hay, Saint-Clair and Cancialosi are in that group.

Here is a list of the director positions that will go before voters later this year:

Bainbridge Island: Kelly Cancialosi, District 1; Sanjay Pal, District 3; Evan Saint-Clair; District 4

Bremerton: Karen Bolton, District 1; John Hurley, District 2; Jonee Dubos, District 3

Central Kitsap: Kristin Hay, District 2; Drayton Jackson, District 3; Meghan Hein, District 4

North Kitsap: Mike Desmond, District 2; Nancy Moffatt, District 4, Barbara Waggoner, District 5

North Mason: Erik Youngberg, District 1; Laura Boad, District 3; John Campbell, District 4

South Kitsap: Kate Espy, District 1; John Berg, District 2; Jeff Daily, District 5

An abundance of members with expiring terms doesn't necessarily mean change is in store since re-election is possible. Candidate filing week is May 15-19. For races that feature three candidates or more, voters will narrow down that list to two candidates during an Aug. 1 primary. Voters will elect new school board members during the general election on Nov. 23. It's also expected that South Kitsap's school board will put [a 20-year, \\$271 million bond](#) on the November ballot.

For more information on upcoming school board elections, go to kitsap.gov. If you live in Kitsap County and have not yet registered to vote, you can do so up until primary election day. You can register to vote at www.VoteWA.gov.