Puget Sound Educational Service District
Seeks Community Members to Run for Six Board Seats

Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) seeks a diverse group of community members to consider becoming members of the agency’s Board of Directors. Six out of nine Board of Director seats are up for election this year. Board members set the agency vision and monitor progress toward its END: Success for Each Child and Eliminate the Opportunity Gap by Leading with Racial Equity.

Positions up for election and the school districts represented are:

Position 1: Shoreline, Seattle (part)
Position 2: Bainbridge Island, Vashon Island, Seattle (part)
Position 3: Issaquah, Bellevue, Mercer Island, Seattle (part)
Position 5: Renton, Seattle (part)
Position 7: Federal Way, Fife, Highline, Tukwila
Position 9: Steilacoom, Orting, Clover Park, Franklin Pierce, Bethel, Eatonville, Carbonado, White River

PSESD is one of nine regional educational agencies serving school districts and state approved charter and private schools in Washington State. ESDs improve the quality, equity and efficiency of educational programs through partnerships with K-12 programs, early learning, higher education and private organizations. PSESD provides these programs and services to 35 school districts, 200 private schools and 8 charter schools in King and Pierce counties and Bainbridge Island.

PSESD seeks community members who are passionate about eliminating opportunity gaps and leading with racial equity. Board members will set the agency vision and direction by participating in monthly board meetings, reviewing financials and policies regarding the operations of the agency, providing meaningful linkages with educational leaders and community members, and ultimately ensuring the PSESD achieves ends-related results.

To be eligible for membership on an ESD board, a candidate must be a registered voter and live in the ESD and director district for which the candidate files. ESD board members serve a four-year term and are elected by the members of local school boards within each ESD. Terms of office for ESD board members elected in fall 2017 begin in January 2018.
Declarations of candidacy and optional candidate statements must be filed with the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) between September 1 and September 16. Voting, by mail-in ballot, will take place October 1 through 16.

On August 25, declaration of candidacy and candidate statement forms will be available through the OSPI Administrative Resources website or by mail at:

Administrative Resource Services
Superintendent of Public Instruction
PO Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504-7200

For more information, community members should visit www.psesd.org or email comm@psesd.org.