



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: South Bend Community Schools & City of South Bend Open Application for Joint Advisory Committee
Date: Monday, May 8, 2023
Contact: Councilmember Troy Warner: twarner@southbendin.gov
Allison Zeithammer: azeithammer@southbendin.gov
Monica Garvey: mgarvey@sbcsc.k12.in.us

South Bend Community Schools & City of South Bend Open Application for Joint Advisory Committee

Today, the application for positions on a Joint Advisory Committee between the South Bend Community School Corporation and City of South Bend has opened at <https://southbendin.gov/schoolscityadvisorycommittee/>

The mission of the Joint Advisory Committee is to foster and grow cooperation and collaboration between our public-school corporation and our city government. The Committee will review, research, and provide input to the South Bend School Board, City Council, School Superintendent Cummings, and Mayor Mueller on issues and challenges our schools face.

"Our community and schools share some of the same challenges, and we can learn from each other," said Dr. Todd Cummings, superintendent of South Bend Schools. "Together, with our City and this diverse group of stakeholders, we will improve public education for everyone we serve— building a better future for South Bend, its students, educators, and citizens."

The application is available online at <https://southbendin.gov/schoolscityadvisorycommittee/>

The application closes on June 2, 2023 at midnight. Applications may be completed online, submitted via email, submitted by mail, or hand delivery to the office of the School Superintendent or the Mayor. The School Board, Council, and Mayor all have one citizen appointee. The Superintendent an Educator appointee, and both the Superintendent and Mayor also have a student appointee.

“Although the school corporation is a separate entity from our city government, we have a duty and obligation to work together as much as possible for the betterment of all our residents,” said South Bend Common Council President Sharon McBride. “I have appointed Councilmembers Karen L. White and Troy Warner as Common Council

appointees and look forward to making my other appointments after the application deadline in May.”

The Joint Committee will consist of a total of 14 appointees, including:
2 Common Council members appointed by the Common Council President;
2 School Board members appointed by the School Board President;
1 the Mayor, or her or his designee;
1 the School Superintendent, or her or his designee;
1 citizen/community member appointed by the Common Council President;
1 citizen/community member appointed by the Mayor;
1 citizen/community member appointed by the School Board President;
1 educator designee appointed by the School Superintendent;
1 student appointed by the Mayor;
1 student appointed by the School Superintendent;
1 member of the Mayor's administration; and
1 member of the School Superintendent's administration.

###