



June 16, 2016

Rochester Public Schools
Business Services
615 7th Street SW
Rochester, MN 55902

Dear <<Candidate>>,

This letter is an update to the first letter you received regarding a law change for school board elections.

Rochester Public Schools (RPS) issued an initial letter to school board candidates on June 10, 2016 regarding a change in the law during the filing period. The Minnesota Secretary of State suggested developing a communication plan regarding the change in the law.

As of June 14, 2016 RPS was notified by the Secretary of State Department regarding the change of M.S. 205A.03, subd. 3. In light of the special law, Laws 1969 Chapter 193, Section 3, ISD 535 is permitted to use an alley system for at large elections of the school board. A copy of the special law is attached.

M.S. 205A.03, subd. 3 as amended does not apply to ISD 535. "Position #" offices can be printed on the ballot. As there are more than twice the number of candidates filed for Position 3 as there are seats to be filled, Position 3 and the candidates filed for that seat will be on the August 9 State Primary Ballot, with the top 2 voter getters nominated for the General Election in November. Position 1 and Position 7 and the candidates filed for each respective seat will also appear on the General Election ballot.

Olmsted County will be making the necessary updates to the Election Reporting System to reflect the special law.

Essentially, the primary and general election will occur as you were anticipating when you filed for a seat on the RPS School Board. We apologize for the multiple messages and confusion this may have caused. Please contact the office of Business Services at 507.328.4210 for questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Carlson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Carlson
Executive Director of Finance