

FAQ's About Trustee Area Elections

Who gets to vote for Santa Rosa City Schools board members (also known as "trustees") in the November 2018 election?

All registered voters residing within the trustee area that is coming up for election will be eligible to vote. Specifically, trustee area numbers 2, 4, and 6 will be coming up for election and therefore, registered voters residing in those areas will be eligible to vote for Board members in the upcoming election. Please note that in 2020, voters in trustee area 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be voting for Board members.

How will the people living in a trustee area know who the candidates are?

We are informed that the County of Sonoma, Registrar of Voters, will mail post cards to eligible voters in the area that specify the candidates that the registered voter may vote for. The County should also mail out the voter information guide that details the candidates and whom each voter may vote for.

Does the election map impact where my child goes to school?

No, the trustee area election maps will have no impact on school attendance zones. A child will attend the same school as eligible by school attendance boundaries and will not be impacted by trustee areas.

What if no one living in a trustee area that is up for election chooses to run?

In the event that no candidate that resides in the respective trustee area chooses to run, and a "failure to elect occurs," the Board may fill the vacancy pursuant to Education Code sections 5090 *et seq.* In brief summary, the Board may choose to make a provisional appointment (a person that resides in that trustee area) until the next election.

Will the trustee elected from a particular trustee area represent that area's students?

No. All trustees have the fiduciary duty and responsibility to represent all students, parents, and voters in the entire District and not just those from their own areas.

Will the map change over time; for example, will the map change after the 2020 census?

Pursuant to Education Code section 5019.5, following each decennial federal census occurs (next one is 2020), a governing board of a school district must adjust the boundaries to ensure that the population in each trustee area is as equal as possible.

Will anything else change about the school board because of the way trustees are now elected?

No. Other than the method in which school board members are elected (via trustee-areas), the school board will operate as it always has.