



SMAC PTA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

October 27, 2021

Election day is less than a week away (November 2) and early voting has already started. Below you will find some resources for voting and researching candidates. Only 17% of registered voters in Johnson County turned out to vote in the last local election...let's change that!

BE A VOTER

Local elections, including school board races, often have a bigger impact on our community and our everyday lives than elections at the state and federal level.

What's on the ballot?

School board, water board, and JCCC Board of Trustees will be on most ballots, while others will also have mayor or city council races.

Go to voter.jocoelection.org to view your sample ballot and find your Election Day polling location.

For the SMSD school board races, we will all vote for the at-large school board position, while voters in SME & SMW will also vote for school board representatives for their respective areas.

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

You can vote on Election Day (Tuesday, November 2, 7:00am–7:00pm), but voting early is always a good idea to ensure nothing unexpected comes up.

LOCAL ELECTION ★ NOVEMBER 2
VOTING INFORMATION

★ Review your sample ballot at: ★
voter.jocoelection.org

ADVANCED IN-PERSON VOTING
SMSD AREA LOCATIONS

M-F, 10AM TO 7PM SAT, 9AM TO 3PM

Arts & Heritage Center* **JoCo Northeast Offices**
8788 Metcalf, Overland Park 6000 Lamar Ave, Mission

Monticello Library
22435 W 66th Street, Shawnee

*Open 8am-noon on Nov 1; other locations closed.
jocoelection.org/advance-voting-0 to find additional locations

BE AN INFORMED VOTER

There are a lot of great resources for researching candidates. The links below are specific to school board races, but most of these groups hosted forums and questionnaires for the majority of the races in Johnson County. Research tools you can use:

- Candidate Facebook pages and websites
- Look for candidate endorsements
- Candidate forums
 - 9/21/21 League of Women Voters / Mainstream Coalition
<https://youtu.be/wKDYq6foKoY>
 - 10/7/21 Shawnee Mission Post
<https://fb.watch/8NE34mjzQw/>
 - 10/19/21 Suburban Balance
<https://fb.watch/8OspHxI6r9/>

Note: To find questionnaires on SMP for other races on your ballot, just search "on the issues" and scroll through to find that race.

- Candidate Questionnaires
 - Votejoco.com
 - Shawneemissionpost.com (search Shawnee Mission School board on the issues)
 - Vote411.org (enter your address and click on the candidates on your ballot to find questionnaires)

Note: To find candidate forums for other races on your ballot, scroll through these links to find the video for that race.

[League of Women Voters / Mainstream Coalition candidate forums](#)
[Shawnee Mission Post candidate forums](#)

Thank you for making a plan to vote and for being an informed voter!!