

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
FOR THE OFFICE OF
OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida, under and by virtue of Sections 100.101 and 100.141, Florida Statutes, has called a Special Election for filling the vacancy of the office of Okaloosa County School Board, District 1, and has also called a Special Primary Election, and

WHEREAS, the dates for such Special Primary Election and Special Election have been fixed by the Governor as follows:

Special Primary Election: November 3, 2026

Special Election: January 19, 2027

WHEREAS, Section 100.141, Florida Statutes, provides that the Secretary of State shall fix the dates for candidates to qualify for such Special Primary Election and Special Election and the dates for candidates to file campaign reports, and

WHEREAS, candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method must obtain valid signatures as follows:

378 valid signatures

WHEREAS, petitions for candidates qualifying by the petition method must be submitted to the supervisor of elections in the county in which signatures are collected no later than 5 p.m., August 12, 2026, in order that the supervisor of elections can verify the signatures and certify the results to the Division of Elections no later than 5 p.m., August 14, 2026. Qualifying fee for those candidates not qualifying by the petition method is as follows:

\$1,851.36

THEREFORE, I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby fix and declare that the dates on which candidates may qualify for said Special Election shall be from 8:00 a.m., August 24, 2026, through Noon, August 25, 2026, and the dates for candidates to file campaign reports are as follows:

<u>Report</u>	<u>Cover Periods</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
SP1	Date appointment filed – 09/10/26	09/18/26
SP2	09/11/26 – 10/29/26	10/30/26
SG1	10/30/26 – 12/10/26	12/18/26
SG2	12/11/26 – 01/14/27	01/15/27

A final report is due 90 days after the candidate becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or elected.



GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 7th day of August, A.D., 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cord Byrd".

CORD BYRD
SECRETARY OF STATE