



Quileute Tribal School District - 12181 LaPush Road, La Push, WA 98350

The mission of the Quileute Tribal School is for all students to gain and retain the knowledge and skills necessary to make them responsible, productive citizens. They will develop problem solving skills, communication skills, and self-sufficiency skills that will allow them to interact at all levels of society. They will protect, preserve and enhance the Quileute language and culture for future generations.

Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 QTS School Board Election

VOTING LOCATION: 4 pm - 8 pm @ the New QTS School at 12181 LaPush Road

Background Information: July 13, 1992, Quileute Tribal Council passed a resolution (QN 92-A-62; QN 78-A-38) outlining the sole operational duties of the QTS School Board and forming the Quileute Tribal School.

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- Qualified candidates are elected to the School Board by secret ballot at an annual election.
- The election is established as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in October.
- This year the election is October 4, 2022 from 4 pm - 8 pm in the New QTS School Lobby, 12181 LaPush Road, LaPush, WA 98350
- One School Board position is open for election. The one candidate with the most votes who successfully passes a background check and completes a full Drug Test will be announced either on November 8 or December 13, 2022 School Board Meetings.

Where can I get a School Board Election nomination form?: Nomination forms are ONLY available at the Quileute Tribal School at the QTS Business Office at 12181 LaPush Road. Check in with Stephanie Doebbler or Andrea Coberly who will direct you to Sabrina Dean, Business and Finance (and HR) Director in the QTS Business Office or her designee. All nomination forms must be signed in writing and in person at the QTS Business office by the nominee and the nominator in the presence of the Business and Finance Director, Sabrina Dean. A copy of the completed nomination form will be provided to the nominee and nominator with the original kept by the school.

Who can nominate? When? Where? Any person who is an eligible voting member of the Quileute Tribe may nominate a candidate. Nominations are accepted from Monday, September 26, 2022 through Friday, September 30, 2022 at 8 am to 4 pm at the new QTS School located at 12181 LaPush Road.

When is the School Board Election Date?, Time? And Location?: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 from 4 PM - 8 PM in the lobby of the new school at 12181 LaPush Road. Quileute Tribal members who are 21 years and older may vote. The QTS Election Board carries out the election.

Write Ins: Accepted on the day of the election and must meet **All Qualifications** listed on the nomination form to be considered.

Results: Election results will be made by public announcement at the November 8 **or** December 13, 2022 School Board Meetings, depending on who quickly background checks and drug testing can be completed.

Further Commonly Asked Questions

Who is on the QTS ELECTION BOARD? The QTS Election Board is identified in QTS School Board Policy. Phillip Ward Jr., Sharon Pullen, Sheila Harrison have been on the QTS Election Board historically. Discussions with Quileute Tribal Council have resulted in also having representation from the QN Tribal Election Board present as guests to the process. We may see some collaboration and transition work this year between the QTS Election Board and the guests of the QN Tribal Election Board representation, which could result in future recommendations to the School Board for policy changes. It is important to understand that based on QN Resolutions the QTS School Board is responsible for the sole operation of the school. See Resolution (QN 92-A-62; QN 78-A-38) forming the Quileute Tribal School. [LINK](#)

Who are the current QTS School Board Members? Michelle “Shelly” Black, Charlotte Penn, Bonnie Jackson-Sampson, Delphina “Delly” Williams, Morningstar “Starr” LeClair. This year one board member’s position is up for election, which is Michelle “Shelly” Black.

Why Background Checks? Adults working around students unsupervised by a staff member are required by the Bureau of Indian Education and WA State to have a background check. QTS will run an “initial” background check on all nominees before placing their name on the ballot and a “deeper” background check, after the election on the top vote getter (s). Nominees who have further questions should Google, “What is involved in a background check around minors in WA State?” Most WA State background checks will look back into a person’s past at least 10 years. It is recommended to clean up your social media sites and check in with your references. Also look closely into your past behavior and tickets regarding automobiles, court records and past crimes, as these can be issues that have eliminated past QTS School Board nominees.

Does a School Board member take a Drug Test? Yes. In order for the Election Board to recommend a candidate to the QTS School Board a candidate must successfully pass a drug test. Furthermore, a drug test can be randomly requested to complete, after becoming a School Board Member. A School Board member is paid a stipend for meetings from federal funds and must follow School Policy and Procedure like all staff.

What guides the School Board Election? The QTS School Superintendent based on QTS School Board Policy and Procedure carries out the policy adopted by the QTS School Board through identified procedures from policy (i.e. posts the election information, prints the nomination forms, decides who is on the ballot based on qualified nominations and activates the School Election Board). The QTS School Election Board identified in policy conducts the election, verifies the ballots and counts ballots in secrecy. The School Board monitors and takes action on policy. The Superintendent monitors and takes action on procedures. The Election Board, after the election, recommends to the Superintendent the top vote getter (s) for drug testing and deeper background checks to be completed by the School Superintendent/QTS Business Office. When a qualified candidate (s) is determined the QTS Election Board will make a recommendation to the QTS School Board of a qualified candidate.