



Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Sept. 3, 2024. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 13, 2024.

Eight positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2024 will occur as follows: Class A-B Northern Section L.P.; Class C-D Northern Section L.P.; Class A-B Southeastern Section L.P.; Class A-B Southwestern Section L.P.; Class C-D Upper Peninsula; Statewide At-Large, Junior High/Middle School and Private & Parochial High Schools, elected on a statewide basis.

In addition to the above-named Representative Council positions, there are two Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee positions to be voted on in September. A representative of the Class C-D and a representative of Athletic Coaches will be elected by Upper Peninsula schools.

Look for the ballots and return them in time to be counted by the Board of Canvassers. Be sure you mark your ballot correctly and signatures are affixed in the proper places. Ballots must have two (2) signatures to be considered valid.

Details of the Representative Council composition may be found near the beginning of the *MHSAA Handbook*.

Following the due date of Sept. 13, 2024, the Board of Canvassers as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will meet on Sept. 17, 2024 and declare the winners for the various vacancies.

In accordance with the approved nomination and election procedures, listed candidates have submitted their desire to run for a position by March 15, 2024. They have included an approval to serve from their respective superintendent or principal and have certified their qualifications to run for the office which they seek. No write-ins will be possible because each candidate must be approved by March 15 in order to run for a position on the Representative Council.

Following are the declared candidates and the vacancies which will occur in December 2024:

**REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATES  
FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 ELECTION**

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula – Class A and B Schools

- Eric Albright, Athletic Director, Midland High School

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula – Class C and D Schools

- Aaron Gaffney, Superintendent, Ellsworth Community Schools
- Anna Rigby, Athletic Director, Harbor Springs High School

Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula – Class A and B Schools

- John Thompson, Athletic Director, Brighton High School
- Chris Westfall, Athletic Director, Ypsilanti-Lincoln High School

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula – Class A and B Schools

- Chris Riker, Athletic Director, Portage Northern High School

Upper Peninsula – Class C and D Schools

- Sean Jacques, Assistant Principal & Athletic Director, Calumet High School
- Thomas McKee, Superintendent, Rudyard Area Schools

Statewide At-Large

- Michael Bakker, Principal, Fenton High School

Junior High/Middle Schools

- Fred Smith, Athletic Director, Bangor Middle School

Private & Parochial High Schools

- Vic Michaels, Director, Catholic League, Archdiocese of Detroit

**UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Class C and D Schools

- Jack Kumpula, Athletic Director, Lake Linden-Hubbell High School

Athletic Coach

- Mike Berutti, Principal, West Iron Conty High School