

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

ELECTION DATE: May 15, 2007

- Original Statement
- Amended Statement

Name of Candidate (as it will appear on ballot)  
Zak Johnson

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Name of County/City/District Multnomah Education Service District  
Number of Position/Zone if applicable Position 2

This information furnished by (Name of Candidate or Committee as it should appear in voters' pamphlet)  
Zak Johnson

**Attached to be included in the Candidate's Statement for the candidate listed above:**

- Required information (see Page 3)
  - Occupation (present employment paid or unpaid), or the word "None"
  - Occupational Background (previous employment paid or unpaid), or the word "None"
  - Educational Background, or the word "None"
  - Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed), or the word "None"
- Optional Information (see Page 4)
  - Statement(s) of Endorsement, if applicable (number filed: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Photograph

**NOTE: Language which violates any provision of ORS 251.415 will be excluded from the voters' pamphlet.**

By signing this document, I hereby state:

All information provided by me on this form (MCED 009) is true to the best of my knowledge and the photograph I have provided, if any, is less than two (2) years old.

Zak Johnson  
Signature of Candidate or Agent on behalf of Candidate

3/19/2007  
Date Signed

Phone Number of Agent (if applicable)

**WARNING:** Supplying false information on this form may result in conviction of a felony with a fine up to \$100,000 and/or prison up to five years. ORS 260.715 (1); 260.993 (2); 161.605; and 161.625.

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Staff Initials LD

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 Not Submitted

Statement(s) of Endorsement:  
 Yes # \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

**Occupation:**

Web Development Editor, Learning.com

**Occupational Background:**

Training Coordinator, Language Arts Curriculum Developer, Archaeologist, English-as-a-Second-Language Instructor, Commercial Fisherman

**Educational Background:**

M.A. in Archaeology, University of Minnesota  
M.A. in Liberal Studies, St. John's College  
B.A. in International Affairs, The George Washington University

**Prior Government Expertise:**

Precinct representative and leader, Third Congressional District Democratic Committee member, founder and caucus chair of the GOC-DPO, Democratic Party of Oregon Executive Committee member

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**Optional Information**

**Success Begins with Respect:**

- Respect for Students
- Respect for Parents
- Respect for Staff, Community, and Ourselves

[www.ZakForMESD.com](http://www.ZakForMESD.com)

**CIVILITY**

MESD parents and staff deserve directors who view them as partners in our children's education. I will work to restore civility to the board and strengthen alternative pathways to success for students throughout Multnomah County.

**TRANSPARENCY**

I will advocate for fairness, for treating staff as equals of administration, and for creating an efficient organization whose policy decisions and funding priorities are transparent to the citizens whose taxes support it.

**EXPERTISE**

I will bring real knowledge about educational practices and curriculum to the board. I have worked the past seven years as an award-winning designer of education curriculum, assessment and teaching materials with a focus on the effective integration of technology into the classroom.

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**ENDORSEMENTS**

- **American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1995,** Multnomah Education Service District
- **Multnomah County Democratic Party**
- **American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 75,** Oregon AFSCME
- **Susan Hagmeier,** former Portland Public Schools Board of Education member, 1995-2003
- **Jenny Greenleaf,** Oregon DNC Committeewoman
- **Jim Robison,** President, Portland Progressive Toastmasters
- **Kathy McCoy,** former David Douglas School District Citizen Advisory Board member

Respect is a core value of our community, and it is my guiding principle for service.

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