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**Maricopa County School District Governing Board Vacancy Appointment Process for  
School Governing Board Members by**

**Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools  
Steve Watson**

**Effective: April 26, 2017**

*Maricopa County School Superintendent, Steve Watson is currently discussing changes to the appointment process.  
Until a new process is outlined and finalized, appointments will be made in accordance with the statute below:*

Arizona Revised Statute § 15-302 gives the County Superintendent of Schools authority to appoint governing board members of school districts to fill all vacancies, but the term of the appointment shall be until the next regular election for governing board members, at which time a successor shall be elected to serve the unexpired portion of the term. Within **thirty days after notification of a vacancy**, the school district governing board may recommend up to three names to the County School Superintendent for consideration of an appointment to fill the governing board vacancy. The County School Superintendent is not required to appoint a governing board member from the list of nominated candidates submitted by the governing board. However, the County School Superintendent will consider the governing board's candidate nominations.

The County School Superintendent, if he deems it in the best interest of the community, may call a special election to fill the vacancies. If an election is called, the newly elected member shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired portion of the term.

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**Accommodations and modifications to the appointment process may be made, on a case-by-case basis,  
as the Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools deems necessary.**

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