

CIRCULATING PARENTS' RIGHTS PETITION FOR

- A) Support of Parents' Rights School Board Candidates
- B) Town Meeting / School Ballot Day Vote
- C) Local School Officials and Boards and Local Legislators
- D) Stirring Grassroots engagements

If your School Ballot Day is in April or May

1. Have someone **take to the town hall the generic version** of the EWSD Parents' Rights petition. It is well vetted. If you want to revise it, you may, but there likely isn't time.
2. **Ask for legal language** to be added to a formal petition so that it might be voted on by voters on your School Ballot Day. Ask **how many signatures** it needs and **when it is due**. It is 5% of the voters and likely due 6 weeks before the vote.
3. Once the language is in place - **make numerous copies** of the petition to be dispersed. **Find others** - some active parents, some members at various churches, some GOP's, some civic groups... Try to keep tabs on who has one circulating, so a reminder of the due date can be sent to all. Gather signatures to be **returned to you or a designated person 2-3 days before the town's due date**. Ask people if they'd be willing to run as a school board candidate and encourage them to explore the [SOSlideshow](#) site. Candidate forms can be downloaded from this site. Handbills, and petitions to circulate can also be downloaded there.
4. **Evaluate the number of signatures** - determine if there are enough, and 50 more in case there are duplicate signatures, to be submitted to the townhall for a town vote. If you are a **bit shy - push** for what's needed. Make plans to later submit copies without emails to the school officials and board and perhaps local legislators.

YOU, the town chair, are not on the hook for too much work - hopefully there are **many eager parent/grandparent volunteers** that would help circulate petitions.

If your School Ballot Day is Town Meeting Day

5. Add wording such as "WE THE SIGNATORIES TO THIS DOCUMENT REQUEST THAT THE VOTERS OF THE _____ PUT PARENTS' RIGHTS TO A BINDING VOTE OF THE PUBLIC AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. Print the signature sign ups on the backside of the Parents' Rights document.
6. **Find others** - Ask people if they'd be willing to run as a Parents' Rights school board candidate and encourage them to explore the [SOSlideshow](#) site where candidacy forms, handbills, petitions can be found. Find some active parents, basketball moms, members at various churches, GOP's, civic groups... to circulate petitions. Try to keep tabs on who has one circulating. Ask for a signature count for your candidates **by Jan. 30**, and keep circulating. **Weekly counts could be helpful.**
7. Make plans to submit petitions at Town Meeting and to the school officials and board and local legislators.