

**BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF THE  
SOLE SUPERVISORY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF  
ST. LAWRENCE-LEWIS**

**BALLOT FOR ELECTION TO BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

There are **three (3) vacancies** on the board of cooperative educational services to be filled at the annual election to be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 or at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The trustees or board of education of each component school district, by resolution, may cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled, provided that no more than one vote may be cast for any candidate. No more than one person residing in a particular component school district may be elected to serve on the board of cooperative educational services at one time, except as provided in Education Law 1950(2a). The district clerk or other officer authorized to certify that a board resolution has been adopted, shall complete the ballot by placing an "X" next to the name of each candidate for whom a vote has been cast, and by completing the certification below.

**Candidates are listed in alphabetical order with their address and school district of residence.**

1. **Candidate Name** Todd E. Bates  
**Address** 55 Valley Drive   
Gouverneur, New York 13642  
  
(School District) Gouverneur Central School District

2. **Candidate Name** Michael G. Miller  
**Address** 59 Fenton Street   
Waddington, New York 13694  
  
(School District) Madrid-Waddington Central School District

3. **Candidate Name** Kevin Wells  
**Address** 6731 County Route 27   
Canton, New York 13617  
  
(School District) Canton Central School District

**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, District Clerk of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District do hereby certify that at a public meeting held Tuesday, April 18, 2023, or at the next regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Education of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District adopted a resolution casting its vote or votes in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the person or persons indicated on the above ballot.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - District Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## BOCES NOMINATION FORM

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of Gouverneur Central School District hereby nominate Todd E. Bates of Gouverneur, New York, to fill a vacant seat on the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF NOMINEE

Name: Todd E Bates

Address: 55 Valley Dr. Gouverneur New York 13642

Education: Bachelor of Technology – Web Development - May 2014  
Associate in Applied Science – Computer Programming - December 2001

Education Experience: GCSK12 BOE 2022 - Present - Vice President  
GCSK12 BOE 2020 - 2022 - Trustee  
GCSK12 Technology Committee 2019 - Present

Work Experience:

- Systems Analyst / Systems Administrator at Corning Incorporated Canton Plant  
September 4, 2018 - Present
- Infrastructure Technician at SUNY Potsdam - Computing & Technology Services  
October 16, 2017 - August 31, 2018
- Integrated Manufacturing Systems Technician Contractor at AccruePartners  
October 31, 2016 - October 13, 2017
- Network Professional - CSRA /CSGov /CSC Warfighter Focus Training DoD  
Contractor Fort Drum September 2015 - October 2016
- Network Technician / PC Technician / Multimedia Technician SUNY Canton  
February 21, 2001 - September 15, 2015

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SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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February 21, 2023

Mr. Thomas R. Burns  
District Superintendent  
St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES  
P.O. Box 231  
Canton, NY 13617

Dear Mr. Burns:

The Board of Education of the Gouverneur Central School District unanimously nominated Todd E. Bates as a candidate for election for a seat on the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board. The Gouverneur Board took this action at their regular meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023.

Todd was elected to the Gouverneur Board of Education in July 2020. He received an associate degree in computer programming from SUNY Canton, then pursued a bachelor's degree in web development, completing that in 2014. His experience includes IT positions at Fort Drum, SUNY Potsdam, and SUNY Canton. Currently, he is employed at Coming Incorporated, where he serves as a Systems Analyst/Systems Administrator since 2018. Todd has also served on the Gouverneur Technology Committee since 2019. Todd's background makes him an ideal candidate who will use his analytical skills to observe, understand, and contribute to the diverse conversations around the Board table.

He and his wife, Paula, a reading teacher at Gouverneur Elementary School, reside in our community with their son, who is enrolled in the district.

I am confident that Todd will represent without bias all of the school districts in the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES.

I ask your Board's support of Todd in his campaign for election to the BOCES Board for a three-year term.

Sincerely,

  
Jacquelyn L. Kelly  
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosure

**BOCES NOMINATION FORM**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Madrid-Washington  
(Central), (City) School District hereby nominates Michael G. Miller of  
Washington, New York, to fill a vacant seat on the St. Lawrence-Lewis  
Counties BOCES Board.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF NOMINEE**

Name: Michael G. Miller

Address: 59 Fenton St, Washington, NY 13694

Education: Regents Diploma Madrid-Washington  
Central School  
A.A.S. SUNY Canton

Educational Experience (Board Service, etc) MWCS School Board  
2000-2014  
Washington Village Board  
Washington Recreation Committee  
St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board of Education

Work Experience: 27 years Mx Petroleum Corp

Miscellaneous Information: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return nomination form to:**

Maureen Bouchey, District Clerk  
BOCES Sole Supervisory District  
St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties  
P.O. Box 231, 40 West Main Street  
Canton, New York 13617

**by Friday, March 17, 2023 (close of business)**

Email: [mbouchey@slloboces.org](mailto:mbouchey@slloboces.org)

**Please email form or provide a hard copy via van mail.**

# *Madrid-Waddington Central School*

*Nicole Weakfall*  
*Elementary Principal*



*Eric Burke*  
*Superintendent*

*Charles Grant*  
*Board President*

*Joe Binion*  
*High School Principal*



February 27, 2023

Thomas Burns, District Superintendent  
St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES  
P.O. Box 231  
Canton, NY 13617

Dear Mr. Burns:

The Madrid-Waddington Central Board of Education unanimously nominated Mickey Miller for a seat on the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties Board at the February 14, 2023 regularly scheduled meeting by Resolution

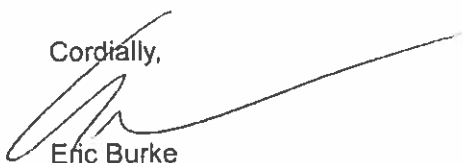
Mickey served as a member of our Madrid-Waddington Board of Education from 2000-2014, and as president from 2009-2014. He is currently a member of the SLL BOCES Board having served since 2018. Mr. Miller gained a wealth of experience during his tenure on the Madrid-Waddington School Board. He has helped guide the district through multiple up and down budget cycles and played an active role in several capital projects. Mickey was also a member of the NYPA Local Government Task Force.

Mickey is a lifelong resident of Madrid-Waddington having raised three sons alongside his wife Karen. He has spent the past 27 years as operations manager at MX Petroleum and remains very active in the community.

Mr. Miller has previously served as a Village of Waddington Trustee as well as Deputy Mayor. He is an 18 year retired member and past chief of the Waddington Volunteer Fire Department. Mickey is also the former Chair of the Waddington United Methodist Church Board of Trustees.

Mickey's continued dedication to the residents and students of the North Country demonstrates his belief that a first-class education is a fundamental component to maintaining our quality of life. It is without hesitation the Madrid-Waddington Central Board of Education recommends Mickey Miller and we respectfully ask for your Board's support of Mr. Miller for a seat on the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Burke', with a long, sweeping underline.

Eric Burke

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## **BOCES NOMINATION FORM**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Canton Central School District hereby nominates Kevin Wells of Canton, New York, to fill a vacant seat on the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF NOMINEE**

Name: Kevin M. Wells

Address: 6731 CR 27 Canton, NY 13617

Education: Nominee is a 1978 graduate of Gouverneur Central school. AAS degree from SUNY Canton. BPS degree from SUNY Utica Rome in Criminal Justice. Over 35 years of training in various topics in professional years, including D.A.R.E. Instructor, Police Academy Instructor and Police In-Service.

Educational Experience (Board Service, etc) Past (14.5 years) member of the Edwards-Knox Central School District. Current member of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties Board.

Work Experience: Nominee is recently retired after 35.6 years with the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office. Last 12 years of career as the elected Sheriff of St. Lawrence County.

Miscellaneous Information: Nominee resides in the Town of Canton with partner Mary Beth Curran. They have two adult children and 5 grandchildren.

#### **Please return nomination form to:**

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BOCES Sole Supervisory District  
St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties  
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**by Friday, March 17, 2023 (close of business)**

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# CANTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Canton, NY 13617

*Ronald P. Burke*  
Superintendent of Schools  
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Mr. Thomas R. Burns, District Superintendent  
St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES  
P.O. Box 231  
Canton, NY 13617

Dear Mr. Burns:

The Canton Central School District Board of Education nominated Mr. Kevin M. Wells for re-election to the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board at their regular Board of Education meeting that was held on March 16, 2023.

A graduate of Gouverneur Central School District, Mr. Wells moved in to the Edwards-Knox Central School District where he served on that district's Board of Education for nearly fifteen years. In further support of Mr. Wells' nomination, it should be noted that he was previously elected to serve on the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board.

After a career spanning nearly thirty-six years, Mr. Wells retired from the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Wells spend the past twelve years as our elected Sheriff. During his career in law enforcement, Mr. Wells provided training for D.A.R.E. officers, at the Police Academy and for various police in-service programs. Across the region, he is a well-recognized public figure known for his professionalism and integrity.

Mr. Wells holds an A.A.S from SUNY Canton and a B.P.S. in Criminal Justice from SUNY Utica-Rome. For the past seventeen years, he has lived in Canton with his partner, Mary Beth Curran. He is the proud father of two adult children and grandfather of five.

After a distinguished career in law enforcement and having already served multiple terms on Boards of Education, including the BOCES Board of Education, it would be understandable if Mr. Wells were to simply take a rest from public service. That he seeks to continue serving the public, in particular the children, speaks volumes of Mr. Wells and his commitment of the North Country. This is a candidate who not only desires to serve but also understands the challenges faced by the youth of today.

I respectfully request your Board's support of Mr. Wells for election to the BOCES Board.

Sincerely,

Ronald P. Burke