

**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 Monday, April 20, 2026 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 Bates
Address 55 Valley Drive
Gouverneur, New York 13642

(School District) Gouverneur Central School District

2. **Candidate Name** Michael Miller
Address PO Box 564
59 Fenton Street
Waddington, New York 13694

(School District) Madrid-Waddington Central School District

3. **Candidate Name** Kevin Wells
Address PO Box 136
286 Olds Mill Road
Morristown, New York 13664

(School District) Morristown Central School District

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, District Clerk of the _____ School District do hereby certify that at a public meeting held Monday, April 20, 2025, 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

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February 10, 2026

Mr. Darin Saiff
District Superintendent
St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES
40 W. Main Street
P.O. Box 231
Canton, NY 13617

Dear Mr. Saiff:

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 9, 2026.

Todd was originally elected to the Gouverneur Board of Education in July 2020 and has served as Vice President since 2022. 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 also includes IT positions at Fort Drum, SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Canton, and at Corning Incorporated, where he is currently employed as a Senior Systems Analyst/Systems Administrator. He 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 another three-year term.

Sincerely,


Jacquelyn L. Kelly
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosure

BOCES NOMINATION FORM

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

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

Work Experience:

- Senior 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

Madrid-Waddington Central School

Nicole Miller
Elementary Principal



Eric Burke
Superintendent

Robert Smith
Board President

Joe Binion
High School Principal



March 5, 2026

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

At its regular meeting on March 17, 2026, the Madrid-Waddington Central School District Board of Education unanimously nominated Mickey Miller for consideration to serve on the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board.

Mr. Miller brings many years of experience in educational leadership and community service. He served on the Madrid-Waddington Board of Education from 2000 to 2014, including five years as Board President. During that time, he was actively engaged in district governance, helping guide the district through a range of financial cycles while contributing to the planning and oversight of several capital improvement projects. Since 2018, he has continued to support regional education through his service on the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board. He also previously represented local interests as a member of the New York Power Authority's Local Government Task Force.

A lifelong resident of the Madrid-Waddington community, Mickey and his wife Karen raised their three sons locally and remain deeply connected to the area. After a 28-year career with MX Petroleum, where he served as Operations Manager, Mr. Miller recently retired and now has additional time to dedicate to public service and educational initiatives.

Mr. Miller has also served the broader community in a number of leadership roles, including Village of Waddington Trustee and Deputy Mayor. He is an 18-year retired member and former Chief of the Waddington Volunteer Fire Department and previously served as Chair of the Waddington United Methodist Church Board of Trustees.

With his experience and perspective, Mr. Miller remains eager to continue working with regional partners to expand programming and create additional opportunities for students across the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES region. The Madrid-Waddington Central School District Board of Education respectfully recommends Mickey Miller and encourages your Board's support of his continued service on the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Burke', written over a white background.

Eric Burke
Superintendent of Schools

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BOCES NOMINATION FORM

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

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF NOMINEE

Name: Michael Miller

Address: P.O. Box 564
Waddington, New York 13694

Education: Regents diploma Madrid Waddington Central School
AAS SUNY Canton

Educational Experience (Board Service, etc):
Madrid Waddington Central School Board of Education - 14 years
SLL BOCES Board of Education - 2 terms
Waddington Village Board of Trustees- 2 terms
Waddington recreation committee- 15 years
Waddington Volunteer Fire Department- 18 years, past chief

Work Experience: MX Petroleum Corp. 28 years - retired

Miscellaneous Information:

Please return nomination form to:
Jennie Colburn, 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 20, 2026 (close of business)

Email: jennie.colburn@sllboces.org

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



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Mr. Darin Saiff
District Superintendent
St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES
P.O. Box 231
Canton, NY 13617

Dear Mr. Saiff:

The Morristown Central School District Board of Education nominated Mr. Kevin M. Wells for re-election to the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties BOCES Board at its regular Board of Education meeting on March 17, 2026.

A graduate of Gouverneur Central School District, Mr. Wells previously resided in 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 and is now seeking re-election.

After a career spanning nearly thirty-six years, Mr. Wells retired from the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, having served the past twelve years as the County's 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. He now resides within the Morristown Central School District. He is the proud father of two adult children and grandfather of five.

Following a lengthy and respected career in law enforcement, along with many years of service on local Boards of Education and the BOCES Board, Mr. Wells has already given a great deal to public service. His decision to seek re-election demonstrates a continued dedication to supporting students and schools across the North Country. Mr. Wells brings both experience and a clear understanding of the issues facing today's youth, making him a strong advocate for our region's children.

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

Sincerely,

Staci A. Vaughn
Superintendent of Schools

BOCES NOMINATION FORM

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

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF NOMINEE

Name: Mr. Kevin M. Wells

Legal Address: 286 Olds Mill Road, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Mailing Address: PO Box 136, Morristown, NY 13664-0136

Education: Mr. Wells is a 1978 graduate of the Gouverneur Central School District. He has an A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Canton and a B.P.S. degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Utica-Rome. He has over 35 years of training in various topics in his professional years, including D.A.R.E. Instructor, Police Academy Instructor, and Police In-Service.

Educational Experience (Board Service, etc.): He was a member of the Edwards-Knox Central School District Board of Education for 15 years and at the end of June 2026 will have served as a member of the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Board for the past six years.

Work Experience: Mr. Wells retired after working over 35 years with the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office. During the last 12 years of his career, he served as the Sheriff of St. Lawrence County.

Miscellaneous Information: Mr. Wells resides in the Town of Morristown with his partner, Mary Beth Curran. They have two adult children and five grandchildren.