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	Rep.	53	Rep.	244	Rep.	31	Rep.	68	Rep.	23	
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Indianapolis Public Schools elections (2014)

Three seats on the Indianapolis School Board were up for **general election** on November 4, 2014.

At-large incumbent Andrea J. Roof ran against challengers Ramon L. Batts, David Hampton, Josh Owens and Mary Ann Sullivan. Kelly Bentley and James Turner competed with board member Samantha Adair-White for the District 3 seat, and District 5 incumbent Michael D. Brown faced a challenge from LaNier L. Echols.^{[1][2]} Challengers Mary Ann Sullivan, Kelly Bentley and LaNier L. Echols won the three seats.

The election had the potential to shift the governing majority on the board on education reform issues such as school autonomy and charter schools. Incumbents Adair-White and Brown constitute the governing minority on the board and generally oppose those reforms, while fellow board member Roof often allies with the governing majority on those issues.

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About the district

See also: Indianapolis Public Schools, Indiana



Indianapolis Public Schools is located in Marion County, Indiana.

Indianapolis Public Schools is located in Marion County, Indiana. The county seat is Indianapolis. Marion County is home to 928,281 residents, according to the United States Census Bureau.^[3] In the 2011-2012 school year, Indianapolis Public Schools was the **largest school district** in Indiana and served 31,999 students.^[4]

Demographics

Marion County overperformed compared to the rest of Indiana in terms of higher education achievement in 2012. The United States Census Bureau found that 27.6 percent of Marion County residents aged 25 years and older had attained a bachelor's degree compared to 23.0 percent for Indiana as a whole. The median household income for Marion County was \$42,603 compared to \$48,374 for the state of Indiana. The percentage of people below poverty level for Marion County was 19.4 percent while it was 14.7 percent for the state of Indiana.^[3]

Racial Demographics, 2013 [hide]		
Race	Marion County (%)	Indiana (%)
White	66.7	86.3
Black or African American	27.6	9.5
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.5	0.4
Asian	2.4	1.9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1
Two or more race	2.6	1.8
Hispanic or Latino	9.7	6.4

Presidential Voting Pattern, Marion [hide]		
Year	Democratic Vote	Republican Vote
2012	216,336	136,509
2008	241,987	134,313
2004	162,249	156,072

Note: The United States Census Bureau considers "Hispanic or Latino" to be a place of origin, not a race. Therefore, the Census allows citizens to report both their race and that they are from a "Hispanic or Latino" place of origin simultaneously. As a result, the percentages in each column of the racial demographics table will exceed 100 percent. Each column will add up to 100 percent after removing the "Hispanic or Latino" place of origin percentages, although rounding by the Census Bureau may make the total one or two tenths off from being exactly 100 percent.^[6]

Method of board member selection

The Indianapolis School Board consists of seven members elected at-large or by specific geographic district to four-year terms. There was no **primary election**, and the **general election** was held on November 4, 2014. Three seats were up for election in 2014.^[1]

School board candidates had to file with their county elections department during the candidate filing period, which began on July 23, 2014, and ended on August 22, 2014. Write-in candidates also had to file by August 22, 2014. To vote in the 2014 general election, voters had to register by October 6, 2014.^[7]

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At-large	District 3	District 5	[edit]
<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Samantha Adair-White<ul style="list-style-type: none">IncumbentEducatorKelly Bentley ✓<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interior designerIndianapolis consultant, GreatSchoolsCo-founder, Indianapolis chapter of Democrats for Education ReformJames Turner<ul style="list-style-type: none">Athletics director and dean, Fall Creek Academy charter school</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Samantha Adair-White<ul style="list-style-type: none">IncumbentEducatorKelly Bentley ✓<ul style="list-style-type: none">Education</div>		

- Interior designer
- Indianapolis consultant, GreatSchools
- Co-founder, Indianapolis chapter of [Democrats for Education Reform](#)
- James Turner
 - Athletics director and dean, Fall Creek Academy charter school

Election results

At-large

Indianapolis Public Schools, At-Large General Election, 4-year term, 2014 (hide)			
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Nonpartisan	✓Mary Ann Sullivan	45.6%	13,412
Nonpartisan	Andrea J. Roof <i>Incumbent</i>	20.2%	5,944
Nonpartisan	David Hampton	17.4%	5,119
Nonpartisan	Ramon L. Batts	9.3%	2,738
Nonpartisan	Josh Owens	7.5%	2,206
Total Votes			29,419
Source: <i>Marion County Election Board</i> , "2014 General Election Results for Marion County," accessed November 4, 2014 ↗ These election results are unofficial. They will be updated once certified election results are available.			

District 3

Indianapolis Public Schools, District 3 General Election, 4-year term, 2014 (hide)			
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Nonpartisan	✓Kelly Bentley	54.6%	5,076
Nonpartisan	Samantha Adair-White <i>Incumbent</i>	26.5%	2,463
Nonpartisan	James Turner	19%	1,765
Total Votes			9,304
Source: <i>Marion County Election Board</i> , "2014 General Election Results for Marion County," accessed November 4, 2014 ↗ These election results are unofficial. They will be updated once certified election results are available.			

District 5

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Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Nonpartisan	✓Kelly Bentley	54.6%	5,076
Nonpartisan	Samantha Adair-White <i>Incumbent</i>	26.5%	2,463
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Total Votes			9,304
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District 5

Indianapolis Public Schools, District 5 General Election, 4-year term, 2014 (hide)			
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Nonpartisan	✓LaNier L. Echols	55.5%	3,406
Nonpartisan	Michael D. Brown <i>Incumbent</i>	44.5%	2,736
Total Votes			6,142
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Endorsements

Both the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and Stand for Children Indiana endorsed [Mary Ann Sullivan](#) in the at-large race, [Kelly Bentley](#) in the District 3 race and [LaNier L. Echols](#) in the District 5 race.^{[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)}

The Indianapolis Education Association endorsed incumbent [Andrea J. Roof](#) in the at-large race, incumbent [Samantha Adair-White](#) in the District 3 race and incumbent [Michael D. Brown](#) in the District 5 race.^{[\[10\]](#)}

[Ramon L. Batts](#), [David Hampton](#), [Josh Owens](#) and [James Turner](#) did not receive any official endorsements for their campaigns during the election.

Campaign finance

Candidates reported a total of \$168,913.62 in contributions and \$51,494.42 in expenditures during the election, according to the Marion County Election Board.^{[\[11\]](#)}

The three candidates endorsed by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and Stand for Children Indiana, which were [Mary Ann Sullivan](#), [Kelly Bentley](#) and [LaNier L. Echols](#), reported \$134,729.38 in contributions, which was 79.76 percent of all contributions. The three incumbents, [Andrea J. Roof](#), [Samantha Adair-White](#) and [Michael D. Brown](#), reported just \$4,346.24 in contributions, which was only 2.57 percent of all contributions.

In the at-large race, candidates reported \$86,751.24 in contributions and \$33,211.62 in expenditures during the election.

Sullivan received contributions from several notable individuals, including LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman, Hoffman's wife Michelle Yee and former Bain Capital managing director Mark Nunnely. She also received contributions from the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce's PAC, [Democrats for Education Reform](#) and Education Reform Now.^{[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)}

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on hand
Andrea J. Roof	\$2,936.24	\$1,194.00	\$1,742.24
Ramon L. Batts	\$525.00	\$129.28	\$395.72
David Hampton	\$27,105.00	\$0.00	\$27,105.00
Josh Owens	\$2,208.00	\$1,163.96	\$1,044.04
Mary Ann Sullivan	\$53,977.00	\$30,724.38	\$23,252.62

In the District 3 race, candidates reported \$43,823.65 in contributions and \$15,115.91 in expenditures during the election.

Bentley received contributions from several notable individuals, including Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg, LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman, Hoffman's wife Michelle Yee and former Bain Capital managing director Mark Nunnely. She also received contributions from the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce's PAC, [Democrats for Education Reform](#), Education Reform Now and Freedom PAC.^{[\[14\]](#)[\[15\]](#)}

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on hand
Samantha Adair-White	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Kelly Bentley	\$42,723.65	\$15,115.91	\$27,607.74
James Turner	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

In the District 5 race, candidates reported \$38,338.73 in contributions and \$3,166.89 in expenditures during the election.

Echols received contributions from several notable individuals, including Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg, LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman, Hoffman's wife Michelle Yee, former Bain Capital managing director Mark Nunnely and former CNN television host Campbell Brown. She also received contributions from the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce's PAC and Leadership for Educational Equity, which is based in Washington, D.C.^{[\[16\]](#)[\[17\]](#)}

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on hand
Michael D. Brown	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$422.38
LaNier L. Echols	\$38,028.73	\$3,166.89	\$34,861.84

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Issues in the election

Candidate survey answers

All 10 candidates who ran for school board answered a *Chalkbeat* survey regarding their positions on a range of issues in the district. These tables aggregate their responses to the five questions with "yes" or "no" answers. Click on a candidate's name in order to see that candidate's answers to all 11 questions, along with the candidate's full explanation for each answer.^[18]

At-large candidate positions					
Issue	Andrea J. Roof	Ramon L. Batts	David Hampton	Josh Owens	Mary Ann Sullivan
Do you support stronger partnerships with school reform organizations?	No opinion	No	No opinion	Yes	Yes
Do you support the state's voucher program?	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Should the school district partner with charter schools, and to what degree?	No opinion	No	No opinion	Yes	Yes
Do you believe the operation of IPS' central office is efficient?	No opinion	No opinion	No opinion	No	No
Do you support the direction of the school district under Superintendent Lewis Ferebee?	Yes	No opinion	Yes	Yes	No opinion
District 3 candidate positions					