

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Board of Education and Early Development, Public Member

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
None

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
John	Thomas	Harmon
Mailing Address	City	State & Zip
	Palmer	AK 99645
Home/Message Phone	Business Phone	Cell Phone
Email Address		Are you a registered voter?
		Yes
Date of Birth	Gender	Ethnicity
		White
Military Service		
No		

Conflict of Interest

Certain boards and commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS39.50.010. If required for the board or commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so?

Yes

Could you or any member of you family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying?

No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.

I believe my work experience shows my commitment to excellence and my dedication to education. I was an intern for the Honorable Ted Stevens (US Senator) of Alaska, the Ohio Supreme Court, and a U.S. Federal Court, and later practiced law in one of the largest and most prestigious law firms, where I represented various Fortune 500 companies. I spent a few years working for an international publishing company and in 2000, I joined Nationwide Insurance as a corporate in-house counsel. I was an Associate Vice President and served as Associate General Counsel for Nationwide Insurance. I decided to leave the practice of law and return home to Alaska in 2010 to pursue a more dedicated career in education. I am currently in my second year as the Principal of Lumen Christi Catholic High School, the largest Catholic high school in Anchorage. Prior to joining Lumen Christi, I was the President of Charter College in Alaska, a career and technical college with locations in various western states.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

I attended Glacier View Elementary School at the foot of the Matanuska Glacier in the 1970's when my father was the Principal of Victory High School (which is now part of Victory Bible Camp). I graduated from Palmer High School in 1985.

Undergraduate Studies: Wheaton College (Illinois) and Houghton College (New York), with BA confirmation from Houghton College (magna cum laude)

Graduate Studies: Master of Science in Education from St. Joseph's College (Maine). Attended graduate classes at University of Alaska, Anchorage and the University of Mississippi School of Law, with Juris Doctor confirmation from Capital University (Ohio)

Post-graduate Studies: St. Joseph College (Catholic School Leadership), University of Pittsburgh (Business), and Duke University (HR)

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

Licensed attorney, admitted to the Ohio bar in 1994 and the Wyoming bar in 2008 (also licensed by various federal court and appellate jurisdictions)

Alaska is my home and am fond of Alaska's outdoors and wilderness activities. I believe learning is a life-long process that happens inside and outside the classroom and I am a supporter of developing education opportunities for all Alaskans. I appreciate the community service influence of my parents -- my father was an educator (Teacher, Principal, and School Psychologis) who retired from the Anchorage School District and my mother was a registered nurse (and a former Director for the Pioneer Home in Palmer).

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

Since returning home to Alaska in 2010, I've been active in the Catholic community, and currently serve on the Board for the Catholic Anchor, a community newspaper. In my current job, I've also spent time on the Lumen Christi Catholic High School Board as part of my role as Principal. Prior to that, I spent time on the Charter College Board of Regents. I also spent about three years on the Board of Directors for Alaska Family Services (AFS) located in Palmer, and one year as the Vice-Chair of AFS.

During my time in Ohio, I served on various Boards, including the Central YMCA Advisory Board, and a number of years on the local zoning Board. I was also an elected officer of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.

Although my leadership role with Nationwide Insurance, Charter College, and Lumen Christi placed me on the various Boards for the respective organizations, none of the Board positions were paid positions.

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

John Harmon, age 48 of Palmer Alaska, is currently the Principal of Lumen Christi Catholic High School in Anchorage, Alaska. John is a 1985 graduate of Palmer High School and a former intern for Senator Ted Stevens. John holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (magna cum laude) from Houghton College in New York, a Master of Science in Education degree from St. Joseph College in Maine, and a Juris Doctor degree from Capital University. John enjoys learning and procured additional undergraduate, post-graduate, and continuing studies from the University of Alaska-Anchorage, Duke, Ole Miss, Pitt, and Wheaton College. John is a licensed attorney who spent most of his professional legal career at Nationwide Insurance. He was an Associate Vice President and elected officer. John served in a leadership role in the Office of General Counsel for Nationwide until he retired from the practice of law around 2010. Before accepting his current educational leadership position with Lumen Christi Catholic High School in 2013, John served as President for Charter College.

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