

Nominations for election to Council on Professional Conduct in Education to close on February 22

Schools and education organisations are reminded to send in nominations for the 13th election of the Council on Professional Conduct in Education (CPC) before noon on February 22.

"Each school may nominate one serving regular registered teacher, including the school head, to stand for the election," a spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) said today (February 12).

"Serving regular registered teachers may also run for election as independent candidates if they have the support of 60 serving teachers teaching in the same category of schools.

"Local teacher education universities and school sponsoring bodies, as well as school councils, associations of school principals and associations of teachers that have been approved to join the Hong Kong Teachers' Centre as organisation members on or before December 31, 2018, may also make nominations."

The bureau called on teachers, schools and education organisations to support and participate in the council election. All nominations must reach the bureau by noon on February 22. The school voting day is scheduled for April 10.

The CPC was set up in April 1994 on the recommendation of the Education Commission Report No 5. Its terms of reference are:

- * To advise the Government on measures to promote professional conduct in education;
- * To draft operational criteria defining the conduct expected of an educator and to gain widespread acceptance of these criteria among all sectors of the education community through consultation; and
- * To advise the Permanent Secretary for Education on cases of disputes or alleged professional misconduct involving educators.

The CPC has a total of 28 seats in four categories: the teacher-nominated category (13), the organisation-nominated category (8), the parent representative-nominated category (3) and the Permanent Secretary for Education-nominated category (4).

Candidates elected to the coming term of the CPC will serve for two years from May 1, 2019, to April 30, 2021.

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