



North Star Public Charter School

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GOVERNING BOARD NOMINEE APPLICATION

Name: _____ Contact phone no.: _____

Board position applying for: _____

Please respond to the following questions and return your application to the school by _____. If you are newly nominated, please include a current c.v. or resume.

Please be aware that your responses are public record and may be disseminated to assist parents in making an informed decision. In addition, personal interviews may be requested if needed to elect final candidates.

1. What experience(s) and traits do you possess that will be beneficial as a board member?
2. What do you understand is the main philosophy of the school/charter?
3. What do you see as the school's long term goal?
4. What changes do you feel would be beneficial to our school/charter?
5. Would you consider yourself supportive of school choice?
6. What is your knowledge of Charter Schools in Idaho or elsewhere?
7. How (if at all) are you affiliated with North Star Public Charter School?
8. How familiar are you with North Star Public Charter School's charter and bylaws?
9. How many North Star Board meetings have you attended? Have you ever attended any charter school or other school board meeting?
10. Have you ever attended a PFA or PTA meeting?
11. Have you visited North Star Public Charter School during operating hours and what is your opinion?
12. What is your knowledge of the Harbor School Method of Instruction?

13. Are you supportive of the Harbor School Method of Instruction?
14. What is your knowledge of the International Baccalaureate Program?
15. When it comes to education, what are you passionate about?
16. What do you feel is important in a K-12 educational program?
17. How do you feel about the current administration and staff at North Star Public Charter School?
18. Do you have children? Ages or Grades:
19. Do you understand that board members are not granted Founder status and do not get special provisions?
20. This is a two year commitment with monthly meetings, other planning sessions, and special events up to 20 hours per month. Are you aware of the commitment and are you willing to follow through?
21. How are you prepared to deal with public scrutiny?
22. Do you understand that all board members must be fingerprinted and undergo a criminal background check at the expense of the board member?
23. Are you a citizen of the United States?
24. Do you agree with the Code of Conduct (included with the Application)?
25. How did you hear about this position?
26. Is there any conflict of interest or relationship you'd like to disclose that could be in question while serving on our board?

Please provide a response to the following questions if you are an incumbent board member:

1. Having served on the NSCS board of directors, please describe the impact of your participation as a board member.
2. What is your vision for NSCS going forward to the next two years?



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Board of Trustees' Code of Conduct

As a member of the North Star Charter School Board of Trustees, you would need to strive to improve student achievement in public education, and to that end be willing to:

___ Read the North Star Charter School bylaws and charter documents

___ Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible, having read the packet ensuring that you are informed about the issues to be considered at the meetings; Understand that the Board may declare vacant the office of any director who has failed to attend four (4) or more meetings of the Board in any calendar year;

___ Understand that the board makes decisions as a team. Individual board members may not commit the board to any action;

___ When serving on a committee with non-board members, board members are equal members on a team. Decisions are made by the board in quorum;

___ Be open, fair and honest – no hidden agendas, and respect the right of other board members to have opinions and ideas which differ from yours;

___ Make all decisions based on the available facts and your independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;

___ Recognize that decisions are made by a majority vote and should be supported by all board members;

___ Keep abreast of important developments in educational trends, research and practices;

___ Recognize that the board must comply with the Open Meeting Law and only has authority to make decisions at official board meetings;

___ Recognize that the administrator is the board's advisor and should be present at all meetings, except when the board is considering the administrator's evaluation, contract or salary;

___ Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office while refraining from communications that may create conditions of bias should a concern ever rise to the attention of the board as a hearings panel;

_____ Respect the right of the public to be informed about school decisions and operations;

_____ Understand that you will receive information that is confidential and cannot be shared;

_____ Give staff the respect and consideration due skilled, professional employees and support the employment of those best qualified to serve as school staff, while insisting on regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;

_____ Present personal criticism of school operations to the administrator, not to staff or at a board meeting;

_____ Refuse to use a board position for personal or family gain or prestige; Announce any conflicts of interest before board action is taken; and

_____ Remember always that the first and greatest concern as a board member must be the educational welfare of the students at North Star Charter School.