

**NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL**  
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**GOVERNING BOARD NOMINEE APPLICATION**

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Board position applying for (Seat #): Seat 2: Parent/Community seat

Please respond to the following questions and return your application to the Clerk of the Board by **June 10, 2014**. 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?

*I co-founded a successful business. Currently, we got 150 employees globally and I have responsibility of the CEO role in the business. I also served as a board member in the Entrepreneur Organization (<http://www.eonetwork.org/Pages/welcome.aspx>) Idaho chapter last year. My leadership, teamwork, and focus on the execution skills will be very beneficial as a North Star Charter board member*

2. What do you understand is the main philosophy of the school/charter?

*To provide an environment where students are encouraged to achieve high degree of success academically, grow intellectually, and practice leadership skills to make a difference in family, community and the nation as a whole.*

3. What do you see as the school's long term goal?

*To create next generation leaders who are successful in their own chosen fields and ready to take on the 21<sup>st</sup> century's global challenges.*

4. What changes do you feel would be beneficial to our school/charter?

*Encourage parents and community to participate in the school activities. Also, reach out to the local Idaho entrepreneur community to help students see what is possible life beyond school and college.*

5. Would you consider yourself supportive of school choice?

*Yes*

6. What is your knowledge of Charter Schools in Idaho or elsewhere?

*Very limited. A charter school is created in-line with the state education system, but has freedom to choose a focus charter for the school.*

7. How (if at all) are you affiliated with North Star Public Charter School?

*Yes. My son, Jai Bansal and my daughter, Jiya Bansal are students at North Star Public Charter School.*

8. How familiar are you with North Star Public Charter School's charter and bylaws?

*I'm familiar with charter, but haven't read bylaws.*

9. How many North Star Board meetings have you attended? Have you ever attended any charter school or other school board meeting?

*One*

10. Have you ever attended a PFA or PTA meeting?

*None so far*

11. Have you visited North Star Charter School during operating hours and what is your opinion?

*Yes. I visited North Star Charter School number of times during operating hours. I found the school one of the best in terms of students and teachers discipline and overall organization sanity.*

12. What is your knowledge of the Harbor School Method of Instruction?

*The Harbor School Method incorporates the five key areas:*

- *Student Learning*
- *School Leadership*
- *School Culture*
- *Parent Engagement*
- *Instructional Fidelity*

*The Harbor school method based on the belief that when there is low threat of failure and content is highly challenging, accelerated learning takes place.*

13. Are you supportive of the Harbor School Method of Instruction?  
*Of course.*

14. What is your knowledge of the International Baccalaureate Program?  
*The IB Diploma Program is an academically challenging program that prepares students for success at the university and life beyond. The program is designed to take care of the students' physical well being and help them grow intellectually, socially and emotionally.*

15. When it comes to education, what are you passionate about?  
*Education is the reason why I'm having so much in life. I grew up in an immense poverty where getting enough food to survive was a challenge. Education helped me to come out from a desperate life situation and shaped me who I am today. My passion for the education comes from my background. What I got from education I want to give it back to the community*

16. What do you feel is important in a K-12 educational program?  
*To create an environment where focus learning is possible. High academic achievements and leadership are the two other key important factors that shape students beyond high school.*

17. How do you feel about the current administration and staff at North Star Public Charter School?  
*Pretty good. The current administration supported the school board in the difficult financial time last year and made sure there was no impact in the day-to-day school activities and students' learning.*

18. Do you have children? Ages or Grades:

*Yes. Son - Jai Bansal, 14 year old, 9<sup>th</sup> grade coming fall. Daughter – Jiya Bansal, 8 year old, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade coming fall.*

19. Do you understand that board members are not granted Founder status and do not get special provisions?

*Yes. I do understand it.*

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?

*Yes, very much.*

21. How are you prepared to deal with public scrutiny?

*To continue live a clean and responsible life.*

22. Do you understand that all board members must be fingerprinted and undergo a criminal background check at the expense of the board member?

*Yes, I do understand it.*

23. Are you a citizen of the United States?

*No. I am Permanent Resident (Green Card holder). I migrated from India to the US and have been living in Idaho since 1999. I'm scheduled to start my naturalized citizenship process from August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 when I am eligible to apply for the US citizenship.*

24. Do you agree with the Code of Conduct (included with the Application)?

*Yes.*

25. How did you hear about this position?

*Board School Announcement email*

26. Is there any conflict of interest or relationship you'd like to disclose that could be in question while serving on our board?

*None.*

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?