

# NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL

## GOVERNING BOARD NOMINEE APPLICATION

Name: Abe LLoyd Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Board position applying for (Seat #): Seat #4 - Parent

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Board of North Star Charter School.

1. Please respond to the following questions below and return your application to the Clerk of the Board at your earliest convenience. [clerk@northstarcharter.org](mailto:clerk@northstarcharter.org)
2. Please include a current c.v. or resume.
3. Please be available for a personal interview.
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5. Please be aware that your responses are public record and may be disseminated to assist The Board in making an informed decision.

If you have questions about North St Charter School, please

1. Go online to the school website [www.northstarcharter.org](http://www.northstarcharter.org)

### Board Candidate Questions:

1. What experience(s) and traits do you possess that will be beneficial as a board member? I currently have a 18-year-old daughter who is graduating from Sage International in Boise and have a working knowledge of the principles, goals, and understanding of the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) program. My oldest son is in 3rd grade and my younger son is in Kindergarten, both attend North Star. I did not know how bad our public school system was in Idaho until my career took me to Minnesota for three years. My son thrived in the Minnesota school system, which is one of the best in the country, and learned a great deal. When we moved back home to Idaho and he attended public school it was night and day on the level of education that he experienced in Minnesota. We searched for the right school whether it is charter, public, or private. My daughter was going to Sage and positive things came out of that experience. We researched North Star and found positives as well. I am not an educator with a teaching degree. I am business minded and extensive experience in the business world. I can bring outside experience into the school and unbiased views in some degree.

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2. What do you understand is the main philosophy of the school/charter? Teach our children respect for themselves and others, provide support and civic duty to their communities, and learn about the world they live through critical thinking.

3. What do you see as the school's long term goal? I believe based on the school's current principles that the school's long term goal is to teach children how to navigate through the world as responsible adults while respecting people and their communities. Providing a place where critical thinking is encouraged and work habits are created early.

4. What changes do you feel would be beneficial to our school/charter? More sports, more clubs, and a better PTO.

5. Would you consider yourself supportive of school choice? Absolutely. I don't think any one organization is best fit for all. I think the parents should be able to have options for educating their children.

6. What is your knowledge of Charter Schools in Idaho or elsewhere? Being on the board the last two years has helped me understand the dynamics and focus charter schools bring to the education system.

7. How (if at all) are you affiliated with North Star Charter School? My two sons attend and I have been on the board the last two years.

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8. How familiar are you with North Star Charter School's charter and bylaws? I have read through them, yes.

9. How many North Star Board meetings have you attended? Have you ever attended any charter school or other school board meeting? I have been on the board the last two years.

10. Have you ever attended a PFA or PTA meeting? No

11. Have you visited North Star Charter School during operating hours and what is your opinion? Yes, my sons attend and the school is very professional, safe, and provides a great atmosphere for learning.

12. What is your knowledge of the International Baccalaureate Program? My 18 year old daughter goes to Sage International in Boise. She is a sophomore and excels in this environment. My only knowledge is what I see and hear from her. I see that she is an exceptional student and well on her way to being an exceptional adult. She has the ability to carry on a very in depth conversation about world affairs, sensitive conversations regarding social topics, and in my opinion, ahead of many adults in her understanding about these topics. I know that the IB program teaches her about the global world and not just the US. I understand that the IB program fosters peace and humanity towards each other and our world we live in.

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13. When it comes to education, what are you passionate about? Understanding each student's individuality and teaching students the ability to think on their own. I want my children to understand and be prepared for the real world when they graduate high school. I believe that many students and even adults are driven by many different things in life. Education that fosters the idea of finding each individual drive is necessary to make that person successful outside the classroom.

14. What do you feel is important in a K-12 educational program? I believe that children need creative thinking and learn how to make decisions while processing information to make correct decisions. Many public schools have a teaching process in educating children that does not foster creative thinking. Children learn on all levels and different ways, the schools need to be more laser focused to each individual's needs and not as a collective.

15. How do you feel about the current administration and staff at North Star Charter School? My feelings toward the current staff at North Star are positive. I can see professionalism and at the same time a sense of pride. North Star is a special place for several reasons and the staff, I think, understands that concept.

16. Do you have children? Ages or Grades: Yes, three, 18, 9, and 6.

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

18. 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 two-year commitment

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and are you willing to follow through? Yes

19. How are you prepared to deal with public scrutiny? Yes

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

21. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes

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

23. How did you hear about this position? Current Board member.

24. Is there any conflict of interest or relationship you'd like to disclose that could be in question while serving on our board? No

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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. I am the Policy Committee and manage new and existing policies for the school. I provide a perspective that is outside the educational system.

2. What is your vision for NSCS going forward to the next two years? Grow and figure out a way to retain secondary students.

Once you have completed the application, please save it on your computer and email the completed application to [Clerk@northstarcharter.org](mailto:Clerk@northstarcharter.org)

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