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Dear Parents, Staff, and Board Members;

Hennepin Schools (HS) are in its tenth year of operation. According to Minnesota Statute charter school law 124E.07 and its bylaws, HS is proceeding with its annual election. As of today, HS board is in full compliance with MN state statute. Its current sitting board consists of 6 members (3 community members, 2 teachers, and 1 parent). As for this election, four positions are open for election (one non-parent community member, one teacher member, and two parent members).

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE:

Only Parents of HS students are allowed to run for the parent member seat. Please be aware that all teachers, parents, and legal guardians of students at the HS are not eligible to run for the non-parent community member seat; however they are eligible to nominate community members to run for the open seats on the HS board. It is by the law that all school officers and staff including elected and ongoing board members will be required to pass a background check before being added to the ballot and appointed to the board.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

By Minnesota Statute 124E, staff members employed at the school, including teachers providing instruction under a contract with a cooperative, members of the board of directors, and all parents or legal guardians of children enrolled in the school are the voters eligible to elect the members of the school's board of directors. Therefore, all parents, legal guardians, licensed teachers, and board members are the voting members for open positions. Each family is eligible for up to two votes regardless of the number of students enrolled at HS. Your participation is crucial to the mission of the HS. **The election will take place on March 3 and 4, 2022 at parent-teacher conferences.**

On the next page is a detailed outline for the 2022 board election plan and timeline, and the HS board nomination form is attached to this letter.

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Outline for 2022 - HS Board Election Plan and Timeline:

Overarching Goals: Open, Transparent, and Compliant

The following steps will be used to ensure HS Board Elections are compliant with MN state statute 124E.07 for charter schools:

- 1- Sitting board took the following actions:
 - a. Based on terms of current board members, HS board determined that four seats are open for election (one non-parent community member, one teacher member, and two parent members).
 - b. The Board has appointed an Election Commissioner, Lulzim (Luli) Axhijaj (Educational Leadership Consultant) at its January 18th, 2022 Board Meeting.
- 2- The HS Election Commissioner will ensure the following take place:
 - a. Announce (website, email, mailer home/translated) the board nomination window, the Election Day, and provide application process including nomination form at least 30 days before the election dates, (February 3, 2022).
 - b. Accept and receive nominations and candidates' Resumes and Bios between Feb. 3 - Feb. 21, 2022.
 - c. Determine candidate eligibility for election based on MN charter School Statute 124E.07. (includes background check)
 - d. Finalize election ballot, February 23, 2022.
 - e. Disseminate eligible candidates' bios to all HS families and staff (website, mailer home), February 24, 2022.
 - f. Conduct the election, March 3 and 4, 2022 (during parent/teacher conferences)
 - g. Communicate results with parents and staff (website and mailer home/translated) on March 18, 2022.
 - h. Ensure new board members are aware of new board training requirements and 2015 MN charter school law 124E.07 and their start date of taking office. March 22, 2022.
- 3- HS Administration will:
 - a. Inform all board members of HS board meeting dates for 2022-2023 calendar year.
 - b. Welcome newly elected board members who will take office as of 7/1/2022 for two or three-year terms.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at hselections2022@hennepinschools.org or call at 612-812-1367.

Thank you,

Lulzim (Luli) Axhijaj, (Educational Leadership Consultant) Election Commissioner

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Candidate Nomination Form for 2022 HS Board Election

To Apply:

Send a completed candidate form via email to hselections2022@hennepinschools.org by US mail or drop off at the HS front office to the attention of Election Commissioner **by February 21, 2022 (5:00 PM)**. A completed candidate form includes:

- 1- Full Name (First-Last):
- 2- Phone Number:
- 3- Email address:
- 4- Include a letter (not to exceed 1 page, double spaced, font size 12) explaining why you want to become a board member and an assurance there are no Conflicts of Interest.
- 5- Include a resume (2 pages maximum)
- 6- Include a bio to be included in the election ballot (Not to exceed 250 word)
- 7- Include a photo for media purposes (Optional).
- 8- **PLEASE FILL OUT ATTACHED BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT SHEET.** A copy of the background consent form can be found on our website at: https://www.hennepinschools.org/images/downloads/HS_Child_Protection_Consent_Form.pdf