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**May 04, 2022**

***Dear Parents, Staff, and Board Members;***

Success Academy in its sixth year of operation. According to Minnesota Statute charter school law 124E.07 and its bylaws, Success Academy is proceeding with its Board election. As of today, Success Academy board is in full compliance with MN state statute. Its current sitting board consists of 6 members (3 community members, 1 teacher, and 2 parents). As for this election, five Board member positions are open (Two non-parent community members, One teacher member, and Two parent members (One parent member from Bloomington and one from St. Cloud)). The administration, staff, and families of Success Academy are indebted to the current members for the great service they have provided to school as board members.

**ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE:**

Only Parents of Success Academy students are allowed to run for the parent members seat. Please be aware that all teachers, parents, and legal guardians of students at the Success Academy are not eligible to run for the non-parent community members' seats; however, they are eligible to nominate community members to run for the open seats on the Success Academy 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 the 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 both positions. Each family is eligible for two votes regardless of the number of students enrolled at Success Academy. Your participation is crucial to the mission of the Success Academy. **The election will take place on June 7, 2022.**

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

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**Outline for 2022 – Success Academy Board Election Plan and Timeline:**

**Overarching Goals:** Open, Transparent, and Compliant

The following steps will be used to ensure Success Academy 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 and bylaws, Success Academy board determined for a new Board election and five seats are open for election (Two non-parent community members, One teacher member, and Two parent members (One parent member from Bloomington and one from St. Cloud)).
  - b. The Board has appointed an Election Commissioner, Lulzim (Luli) Axhijaj (Educational Leadership Consultant) at its April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board Meeting.
- 2- The Success Academy Election Commissioner will ensure the following take place:
  - a. Announce (website, email, mailer) the board nomination window, the Election Day, and provide application process including nomination form at least 30 days before the election date, (June 7, 2022).
  - b. Accept and receive nominations and candidates' Resumes and Bios between May 16 – May 20, 2022.
  - c. Determine candidate eligibility for election based on MN charter School Statute 124E.07. (Includes background check)
  - d. Disseminate eligible candidates' bios to all Success Academy families and staff (website, mailer home), May 31, 2022.
  - e. Finalize election ballot, June 5, 2022.
  - f. Conduct the election, June 7, 2022
  - g. Communicate detailed results with parents and staff (website and mailer) on June 15, 2022.
  - h. Ensure new board members are aware of new board training requirements and 2015 MN charter school law 124E.07 and their starting date of taking office. July 1, 2022.
- 3- Success Academy Administration will:
  - a. Inform all board members of Success Academy board meeting dates of 2022/2023 fiscal year.
  - b. Welcome newly elected board members who will take office as of 7/1/2022 for four-year terms.

Please, let me know if you have any questions or concerns, please email me at

[leadingedser@gmail.com](mailto:leadingedser@gmail.com) 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 Success Academy Board Election**

### **To Apply:**

Send a completed candidate form via email to: [leadingedser@gmail.com](mailto:leadingedser@gmail.com) or by US mail or drop off at the Success Academy front office to the attention of Election Commissioner **by May 20, 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 assurance of 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 CONCENT SHEET.**