



March 20, 2024

Dear Parents, Faculty, and Staff of CMES,

Cornerstone Montessori Elementary, as a Minnesota Charter School, is required to hold elections for its school board. **The annual election will be held from May 13 - May 20, 2024 via eBallot and the results will be announced at the School Board Annual Meeting held this year on May 21.** According to MN Stat 124E.07 Subd. 5, eligible voters for a charter school board of directors are faculty and staff members employed at the school, members of the board of directors, and all parents or legal guardians of children enrolled in the school.

In preparation for the election, we are soliciting nominations for the following board seats:

3-Year Terms

- 1 community member
- 1 parent member
- 1 teacher member

2-Year Term

- 1 community member

We are looking for individuals who value the mission of Cornerstone and are willing to make a commitment to share their talents and expertise in support of the school. We embrace and value the unique experiences and perspectives of our diverse community, and we strive to reflect this diversity on our board. That said, board members do not advocate for their own personal interests or causes, nor do they “represent” any particular group. Board members are stewards of the school, willing to think strategically and work collaboratively to ensure the continued success of Cornerstone.

Please note that there are certain statutory conditions which may prevent an individual from serving on the CMES board. An individual is prohibited from serving on the board if the individual, an immediate family member, or the individual’s partner is employed, contracted, or in any other way financially bound to either Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School, Cornerstone Montessori School or the Montessori Center of Minnesota. The only exception is for teachers of the school who are serving on the board.

Attached you will find the Board of Trustees Job Description, which will help give you a better idea of the role and responsibility of a board member.

Also attached is the Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School Board Nomination Form. Please complete this form if you are interested in serving on the board or if you know of someone who may be a good candidate for the board. **Please return the completed form to the school office by April 5.**

If you have any questions about serving on the Cornerstone Montessori Elementary Board of Directors, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the current board members. Our email addresses are listed on the school’s web site.

A Voting Guide will be distributed to all eligible voters by April 22 in preparation for the May 21 election. The Voting Guide will present profiles of each candidate and detailed information on election procedures.

Sincerely,

Julaine Roffers-Agarwal, Board Chair
Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School