



STAR OF THE NORTH ACADEMY

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May 10, 2017

Dear Parents, Staff, and board members;

We have sent you a letter dated April 10, 2017 regarding the 2017 Board election of Star of the North Academy (SNA). SNA is in its third year of operation and must conduct a full governing board election. Please, see the future dates in the election process below.

SNA Board Election Timeline/Important Dates

- Board Elections
 - **SNA Science Fair**
 - **June 6th, 2017 from 8:00am to 5:00pm**
- Results communicated to parents and staff, June 8th, 2017
- New Board Members take office, July 1, 2017

Please, see attached to this letter the bios for all SNA board candidates. The election will be for all the 6 seats; 4 parent seats, 1 teacher seat, and 1 community member seat.

Please, contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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SNA Board Election Candidates

Javed Mohamed (Parent) - is an IT Management professional with over 25 years of experience. He has worked with various multi-national companies and held various management positions over his span of 25 years of experience. He specializes in developing IT infrastructure strategies to improve efficiencies in technical and financial operations of the IT infrastructure. He holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree and various other industry certifications related to IT infrastructure and security.

Mr. Mohammad is passionate about education and educating the next generation of citizens. His passion and interest made him get involved in the charter school boards and he has served on the board of Learning for Leadership Charter School and is one of the founding board members of the Star of the North Academy. He is well versed with charter school finances, governance and law. He is the current Board chair of Star of the North Academy.

It is Mr. Mohammad's belief that for a charter school to be successful in tapping in to the potential of each and every student, it requires commitment and involvement from the board members, staff, students and parents. It is this belief and commitment and the effort from the staff, students and parents that has enabled SNA to be able to tap in to the potential of all students and SNA was recognized as a Reward School in the first year of operation. Mr. Mohammad along with other board members has been working to ensure that SNA uphold the Mission and Vision of the school to generate well rounded and academically high achieving citizens of the future.

Mr. Mohammad has two children attending SNA. His daughter Aishah Javed currently attending 2nd grade and his son Faiz Mohammad is in 6th grade.

Abdul Ahmed (Parent) - **Occupation:** Parent, Businessman and currently also serving as Treasurer and board member for Star of the North Board Academy.

Mr. Abdul Ahmed is married with six children one of whom is enrolled at Star of the North academy. He enjoys reading, traveling and anything he can do outdoors. Mr. Ahmed holds a degree in finance, several certificates in project management and held several equity and options trading licenses. Mr. Ahmed held positions as an equity and options trader with a major stock exchange firm.

As a parent of a child attending Star of the North Academy, I am very passionate about our children's education. SNA must provide the best education for our children, support our dedicated teachers and staff and create graduates who are ready and well prepared for high



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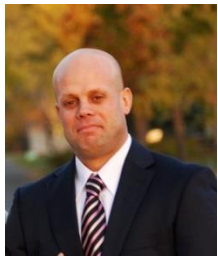
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school. Despite our budget constraints, we must continue to push our school even more to provide better choices to parents & students, reach for higher standards, improve our school site and infrastructure and empower our teachers and staff to aim for even higher standards.

Ahmad Abuatieh (Parent) - I graduated with Master's degree in Psychological and Educational Counseling from the University of Jordan. Currently work as an Executive Director of the ICCC Masjid Al-Huda full time, and as a part time teacher at Al-Amal School. I am currently serving on the Board of SNA and am interested to re-run again.

Abdul Khadeer (Parent) - I have my Master in Computer Applications from Osmania University Hyderabad India, Bachelor's degree in Commerce an also from Osmania University Hyderabad India, I have been in the board for last three years for SNA due to my passion on education. I would like to continue being the board member and I don't have any conflict of interest as I don't have any of my direct relatives working at SNA charter school.

Mohamed Omar (Community member) - My Education: University of Maryland degree on Educational program for Egyptian teacher leader, Mansoura University



Bachelors of Arts: English Literature, University of Alexandria, Bachelor of Arts: Geography [Cartography" Mapping & Surveying from University of Alexandria. I am a current SNA board member as a community member.

First I have no conflict of interest to run as a school board member. As a candidate who wishes to re-run for the post of a school board member, I have some reasons why I want to be elected for this position: 1- I want help determine the mission and the purpose that articulate the school goals. 2- I want objectively select the most efficient chief executive and give him/her the moral and professional support that he/she needs to further the goals of the school. 3- I should actively participate in an overall planning process and assist in implementing and monitoring the plan's goals. 4- I want to monitor and strengthen programs and services that are consistent with the school mission and monitor its effectiveness.5-I should also protect and provide proper financial oversight.6- Finally, I should clearly articulate the school mission, accomplishments and goals to the public to get support from the community.



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Kathryn Martin (Teacher) - My name is Kathryn Martin. I am the Middle School



Science and Social Studies teacher at Star of the North Academy. I also currently serve as the secretary of the board. Serving as a member of Star of the North Academy's board has been one of the most important responsibilities I have taken on this year. Alongside other board members, I have advocated for the best education of all children in our community. Star of the North Academy's board is cohesive unit of individuals that respect and value the opinions of others. With a common goal in mind, we strive to improve student achievement. As both a board member and a teacher at Star of the North Academy, I have had the unique opportunity to speak on behalf of the students that I interact with on a day to day basis. I see my role as a board member as another way to ensure these students are receiving the best education possible.