



## Invitation to Serve on the STRIDE Academy Board of Directors

To: STRIDE Community

As President of the STRIDE Academy School Board of Directors, I want to encourage interested parents, teachers, and community members to consider running for school board. The School Board is the governing body of our school. It is responsible for the oversight of school finances and budget, ensuring academic excellence, and ensuring our school meets requirements set by the state of Minnesota and our Authorizer, Pillsbury United Communities.

It is essential we have Board members who are dedicated to making STRIDE the best school in Central Minnesota. The School Board is made up of teachers, parents, and community members elected by the parents and staff of all STRIDE students.

**The School Board elections will be held from May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. I invite you to consider running for a position on the School Board. There will be three seats available this year.**

If you are elected, training in Board Governance, Financial Matters, and Employment Matters will be provided by the Minnesota School Board Association (at no cost to you).

If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for the School Board, please go online and complete/print the forms to be on the ballot for the 2021 elections. A conflict of interest form will be sent to you once you've completed the application. If you have questions about being on the School Board, you can contact me – see below for contact information. You can also observe one of the School Board meetings to get a better idea of what things are discussed (see school website for upcoming meeting date/time).

If you don't feel quite ready for the School Board, perhaps you'd like to participate in one of the School Board committees. A list of these committees and a contact person can be found on the last page of the Board meeting minutes (minutes are posted on the school website, in the School Board section).

**STRIDE continues to grow and is becoming an even better, stronger school.  
It is an exciting time to be part of the STRIDE family!**

Sincerely,

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