



**NEW MILLENNIUM ACADEMY
ELECTION COMMITTEE
ELECTORS GUIDE TO CANDIDATES
for
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
on
May 15, 2023**

TO: Parents and Guardians of NMA Students
NMA Staff
FROM: The Election Committee
SUBJECT: Election for Board of Directors
DATE: April 14, 2023

The election to fill the vacant seats on the Board of Directors for the next school year will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on May 15 at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in the atrium on the first floor for in-person voting or by phone at (763)-235-7903. **YOU MAY VOTE ONLY AT THE ELECTION!** If you do not vote at the set time, you will not be able to participate in choosing the school board of directors.

You will find a list of the candidates and information about each at the end of this guide. As we have said, this election is very important to the school, and it is important that parents and staff consider the strategic needs of the school. By selecting thoughtful and committed board members, we in the school community can ensure that NMA continues on a successful path.

The Nomination and Election Process

The Election Committee has interviewed and thoroughly evaluated each Applicant for the Board and each Applicant's qualifications and possible contributions to the school as a potential member of the Board of Directors. In a meeting duly called, the Board has recommended these candidates. It is for the Electors to decide by voting, who will become a member of the Board.

The Election Committee has prepared this Voting Guide with the names and information about each candidate so that you may evaluate who you think will best serve the school's needs.

The Function of the Board

The Board of Directors legal duty is to set the direction of the school and to map out the strategies that will carry NMA into its successful future. The Board oversees the school administration in its execution of the school's vision and mission; and that we fulfill the school's primary purpose to teach our children.

The Board is composed of Parent Members, Community Members and Teacher Members. On election day, each Elector will have the opportunity to vote for the candidate(s) to choose one Parent Member and one Community Member as members on the NMA Board of Directors.



Needs of the Board

In order to make sure that the board has all the skills needed to chart NMA strategic future, it is important to consider candidates who possess the general qualifications needed to serve on the Board.

- Commitment to NMA educational model
- Ability to plan strategically for the future
- Understanding of public affairs and communications
- Awareness of development, fundraising techniques, and sources of funding.

Additionally, to strengthen the Board's ability to meet current and future challenges, this year we are looking for candidates with the following areas of expertise:

- Collaborative work with board members, leaders, staff, and all stakeholders of the school.
- Commitment to the mission and vision of NMA
- Focusing on Student Achievement

Thank you for participating in the school election process. We make the school stronger and better working for our children when we all work together.

The Election Committee



Election of NMA Board Members Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 15, 2023

ALL Parents, Staff, Board, Community Members are invited to attend the annual meeting.

Voting for the Election of New Board Members

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Voting by In-person written ballot in the Atrium or by Phone at (763)-235-7903
Information and Directions attached

Annual Meeting

Date: May 15, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m

Place: Lecture Hall



Voting Guide

Information about the Candidates NMA Board of Directors Elections 2022-2023 School Year



Sueflora Mua – Parent Member

In the past two years Sueflora has been part of the parent advisory council. She enjoys working alongside leaders to help promote and grow the school. She believes in the Hmong culture and language work that NMA is doing and hopes to continue that work. She wants to be part of the school board to help bridge the gap between parents and the school.



Kadau Korti– Parent Member

Kadau wants to be part of the board to help NMA meet their goal and to create more educational activities that promote the culture of NMA. He strives for collaboration in all departments of the school. He has a lot of experience with leadership opportunities through his work with his church.



Violette Lee –Community Member

Nurse

Violette Lee is a nurse in the area. She wants to be part of the board to support and help out the community here at NMA. She also hopes to share her knowledge and wisdom about mental health to the Hmong community here at NMA. She hopes to build a community here that is open and welcoming to all.



IN-PERSON VOTING INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR BALLOT

All eligible voters to participate in the Board of Directors Election include: Parents/Guardians of current NMA students, NMA staff, and NMA board members.

This form is to be completed by all eligible voters to participate in the Board of Directors election; eligible voters include Parent/Guardian, staff, Community board members.

I am a _____Parent/Guardian _____Staff _____Board Member _____Community

***If you're a Parent, list at least 1 child attending NMA**

- Name of child:_____ Grade:_____ Teacher:_____

All eligible voters must sign and date this form:

Print your name:_____

Sign your name:_____

Print your address:_____

Directions for Voting Via Written Ballot

1. On the ballot, read over your choices. There are two (2) open positions on the board:
 - One designated parent position
 - One designated community position
2. You may vote for up to only two (2) candidates.
If you vote for more than two, your ballot WILL NOT be counted.
3. On the ballot, fill in the square box next to the candidate of your choice.
 - a. Fold the ballot and put it into the box.
4. Complete the registration authenticating information listed above. Your ballot will not be counted if this information is not completed.
5. Return this form to an Election Committee member after submitting your vote.

EXAMPLE BALLOT

**New Millennium Academy
School Board Election Ballot 2023
(Daim ntawv Xaiv Tsa xyoo 2023)**

Vote for 2 people

Direction: Put an check mark next to the people of your choice in the box
(Kuaj lub npe ua koj xav pov npav rau)

Community Member <i>Vote for only one (pov npav rau ib tus neeg xwb)</i>	Parent member <i>Vote for only one (pov npav rau ib tus neeg xwb)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Violette Lee	<input type="checkbox"/> Sueflora Mua
	<input type="checkbox"/> Kadau Korti





PHONE VOTING INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

Voting Eligibility Via Phone: (763)235-7903

All eligible voters to participate in the Board of Directors Election will need to be prepared to share the following information to be eligible to vote. Eligible voters include Parents/Guardians of current NMA students, NMA staff, and NMA board members.

Parents:

Their first and last name

The name of 1 child who currently attends NMA

NMA Staff:

Badge Number (last **5 digits**) used with K-Pay System

Directions for Voting Via Phone

1. Review the candidate information. There are two (2) open position on the board; one community and one parent member
2. On May 15, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, call this number (763)235-7903. A member of the Election Committee will answer the phone in English or in Hmong (additional interpreters will be provided).
3. Be prepared to provide the eligibility information listed above to be eligible to vote.
4. Answer the following questions:
 - a. Who would you like to vote for community board member, [state the name of the candidate]
 - Eligible voters will state the name of who they will vote for.
 - b. Who would you like to vote for parent board member, [state all two candidate's names]
 - Eligible voters will state the name of who they will vote for.