

Friday 26th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Parent Local School Board Member (LSB)

What we are looking for:

We are looking for a parent to join our local school board to help us oversee the work of our school. You must be a parent/carer of a student at the school at the time of election.

If you have good listening and communication skills and are able to commit to attending six evening meetings per year, reading papers, interpreting data and, where practical, to attend visits to school, you could be just the person we are looking for.

We are looking to recruit people from a range of backgrounds and experiences. Boards work better where they have diverse opinions and skills and this could be you.

We really hope you will apply.

Read below to find more information about the voluntary role.

How does the Local School Board operate?

Community Schools Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). Like all MATs this Trust is governed by Trustees. The Trust operates on the basis of maximum delegation. A core value of the Trust is that schools should be run by, and their improvement driven by, their staff led by their Leadership Team and local school board (LSB).

Whilst trustees focus on the strategic direction for the Trust, holding the CEO to account and to ensuring that public money is spent appropriately, the local school board is able to focus on improving standards in its particular school.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for a parent/carer who can help to drive strategic development and to bring their experience to board level discussions to help us respond effectively to challenges.

You may be somebody that has experience in overcoming barriers to learning yourself or be well networked in the local community.

Could you help to:

- plan the school's strategic direction?
- hold the headteacher to account?
- drive school improvement initiatives?

If you have an employer, check with them whether you would be permitted time off to undertake your duties as an LSB member.

Why volunteer?

We offer:

- comprehensive training
- opportunities to be part of decision making
- opportunities to gain new skills and to network
- reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses
- the chance to use your skills and knowledge to improve the lives of young people and their families in your community

Safeguarding and induction

All newly appointed LSB members are expected to attend an induction session and to undertake safeguarding training.

As an organisation committed to the safety and well-being of young people we expect all involved in governance to have an Enhanced DBS check carried out (formally Criminal Records Bureau) to ensure their suitability for volunteering in a school environment.

We also ask all new LSB members to follow our Code of Conduct, to declare any business interests that may affect the Trust/school and to work in accordance with our policies and [The Seven Principles of Public Life](#).

If you would like to find out more about Community Schools Trust and Haggerston School, you can look at our websites [here](#) and [here](#).

Closing Date for applications: 4pm on Friday 10th May 2024

The term date for a Local School Board Member is four years but you can resign at any time. To find out more about the role, please click [here](#).

The chair of the Local School Board, Ms Mason will be holding an online Q&A session for any interested parent to find out more about the role at Haggerston School. This session will take place on Wednesday 1st May from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. To attend the meeting, please follow this link: meet.google.com/sbb-hbma-meu

If we receive more nominations than Parent LSB member vacancies then it will be necessary to hold an election by ballot so that our parents can choose who will sit on the Local School Board. There are some circumstances that make people unable to be considered as school governors. Please see the information [here](#).

Each nomination form requires two signatories, both of which have to be a parent of a student currently on role at the school. You can nominate yourself and be one of the signatories.

Please use the link to the nomination form and statement [here](#) which should be completed no later than **4pm on Friday 10th May 2024**. Please return the form to Ms Scalco, PA to the Co-Headteachers at malissa.scalco@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk, or you can drop a printed paper copy into the main school office.