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The DaVinci Academy School Board Needs You!

Recent developments have resulted in two openings on the DaVinci Academy Board of Directors. We need to fill these positions as soon as possible, and ask your help in doing so.

Holly Fischer, one of our teacher representatives on the board, has resigned to focus her energy on her classroom and family. Holly has served on the board since 2009, and we thank her for her commitment to our school in its formative years. We will continue to have her talents in our kindergarten classroom. The term for this board position expires in February 2012. Under Minnesota law, the position must be filled by a DaVinci Academy teacher.

Stephanie Severson, one of our parent representatives on the board, has joined the DaVinci Academy staff as our new library and technology teacher. Under the recently revised Minnesota statutes, a school employee cannot serve on their charter school's board as a parent representative, so Stephanie was forced to resign her board position. While it is unfortunate that we are losing Stephanie as a board member, where her contributions were many, we are thrilled to have her join our teaching staff. The term for this board position expires in February 2013, and must be filled by a DaVinci Academy parent or legal guardian.

Our current board is made up of seven members. Each member was invited or elected to join the board because of the particular set of skills that each could contribute to the work of leading DaVinci Academy. As a result, board membership includes a wide variety of professional backgrounds and competencies.

Serving on the DaVinci Academy Board of Directors is an important role, one with high accountability to the stakeholders, our Authorizer and the Minnesota Department of Education. It is also crucial to the success of DaVinci Academy that we have dedicated, committed people on the board, since they play a key role, working with our administration, in growing and developing our school during these critical formative years. While the time commitment can be large, the satisfaction derived from making a real difference for our students can be equally as large.

If you are a current teacher at DaVinci Academy or are the parent or legal guardian of a student at our school, and are interested in joining the board, we need to hear from you. Please contact either the Board Chair, Ms. Terri Sheehan via email at tsheehan@davincicharterschool.org or our School Director, Mr. Cory Klabunde, at 763-754-6620 or via e-mail at cklabunde@davincicharterschool.org with any question you have and for details on the information we will need from you. **Please contact Terri Sheehan or Cory Klabunde as soon as possible, but no later than September 9.** We look forward to hearing from you.