



Lowcountry Montessori School Board Member Agreement

Purpose: This agreement outlines the expectations and responsibilities of board members to ensure effective governance and support for LMS, a public charter Montessori school.

By signing this agreement, each board member commits to the following:

1. **Mission and Vision:**
 - Support the mission and vision of LMS and promote the principles of Montessori education.
2. **Attendance:**
 - Attend all board meetings regularly, including special meetings and committee sessions.
 - Notify the Board Chair in advance if unable to attend.
3. **Preparedness:**
 - Review meeting agendas and materials in advance to contribute meaningfully to discussions.
 - Come prepared to engage in thoughtful dialogue.
4. **Confidentiality:**
 - Maintain confidentiality regarding sensitive information discussed in board meetings, including student and personnel matters.
 - Respect the privacy of all stakeholders.
5. **Advocacy:**
 - Act as an ambassador for Lowcountry Montessori School in the community, advocating for Montessori principles and engaging with stakeholders.
 - Support fundraising and outreach efforts to sustain and enhance school programs.
6. **Collaboration:**
 - Work collaboratively with fellow board members, school leadership, and the community to achieve the school's goals.
 - Foster a positive and inclusive board culture.
7. **Conflict of Interest:**
 - Disclose any potential conflicts of interest and recuse oneself from discussions or decisions where a conflict exists.
 - Avoid using board membership for personal gain.
8. **Professional Development:**
 - Participate in board training and professional development opportunities to enhance governance skills.
 - Stay informed about educational trends, especially related to Montessori education.

9. Strategic Planning:

- Engage in the school's strategic planning processes and support the implementation of the strategic plan.
- Regularly assess the school's progress toward its goals.

10. Evaluation:

- Participate in periodic evaluations of the board's effectiveness and the school's performance.
- Provide constructive feedback and support continuous improvement.

Acknowledgment: By signing below, I acknowledge my understanding of and commitment to the expectations outlined in this Board Agreement.

Board Member Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____