

February 20, 2020

Dear parents, teachers, and community members:

Can you help our students?

The mission and work of Yinghua Academy is overseen by our School Board. This is an elected body of thirteen members who are Yinghua teachers and parents or community members who are neither teachers nor parents.

This spring, our school will hold elections to fill **four open positions**. If you have energy and time, and a talent that benefits the board, please consider running for one of the open seats. Those elected will begin their three-year terms on July 1, 2020.

The primary responsibilities of the School Board are to support and evaluate the executive director, to set policy that will ensure the school's ongoing viability, and to oversee the financial management of the school. Board members typically serve on one of the [five board committees](#) in addition to meeting as a whole once each month.

**2020 Call for Candidates** We are seeking candidates who are strong advocates for our staff and students, and we invite you to look at the Yinghua website and search for a School Board committee that fits your skills. We are in particular need of members with expertise in building fundraising capacity. The 2020 application is attached and on the website. **Applications are due March 19.**

Not quite ready? If you are interested in board work but are unsure about the commitment, we encourage parent and staff participation on board committees. In fact, many current board members started out as committee members. Contact me or any other board member to have a no-pressure conversation.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve Yinghua,

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Governance Committee Chair  
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## 2020 Yinghua Academy School Board Candidate Form

Thank you for running for the Yinghua Academy School Board. Please submit your completed form by Thursday, March 19, 6 p.m., to the Governance Committee Chair, Paul Haller. You may submit the form either electronically ([paul.haller@yinghuaacademy.org](mailto:paul.haller@yinghuaacademy.org)) or via paper copy to the school office, Attn: Paul Haller. The information from this form will be shared with voters and posted on the Yinghua Academy website.

Candidate name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I am a:

- Parent or legal guardian of currently enrolled Yinghua student/s.

What is/are your child's grade (or your children's grades)? \_\_\_\_\_

- Licensed teacher currently employed at Yinghua academy.

What do you teach? \_\_\_\_\_

- Community member—neither a current student's parent/guardian nor a licensed teacher employed at Yinghua.

2. What is your current affiliation/employment and role? (If retired, or listing a former role, please indicate.) Role:

\_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Contact Information

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please attach a one-page narrative about yourself addressing why you are interested in serving on the Yinghua Academy School Board, what attributes you would bring to the position, and what issues facing Yinghua Academy are of most interest to you.

Yinghua Academy does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, age, family care leave status or veteran status.