



# EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY

May 18, 2016

At Eagle Ridge Academy, we strive to ensure that upon completion of their education, students will be exemplary and knowledgeable citizens who have been instilled with a life-long passion for learning; value self-discipline, respect, perseverance, and achievement; search for truth, beauty, and goodness; and foster an appreciation for the United States of America and her unique role in the world. Multiple Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, including the 14th, 15th, 19th, 24th, 26th, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 all lay the foundation for the fundamental principles of representative democracy.

Every child enrolled at Eagle Ridge Academy is a reason for you to vote in the current school board election. The overall quality of our school, both now and in the future, rests with decisions made by the board. We all have a stake in the success of our school and the responsibility to ensure its future. When schools are strong and students succeed, everyone benefits.

Members of the Board of Directors at Eagle Ridge Academy are entrusted to set the policies of the Academy and are held accountable to realize the vision of the Academy; to set up and maintain an effective, efficient organizational structure that permits the Academy's Executive Director and Administration to manage the school, its teachers to teach, and its students to learn; and to foster positive relationships with school personnel and the wider community.

Voting for school board members is a simple, but powerful, way to support student success and practice citizenship. You made a very important and deliberate decision to entrust Eagle Ridge Academy with the education of your child(ren), so please take the time to vote in the school board election. If you haven't yet voted, you have until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to cast your vote. To find more information about the election and the candidates, please read the [2016 Board of Directors Election Guide](#).

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of the voting process, please contact Pete Larson, the Board of Directors Election Coordinator, via email [plarson@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:plarson@eagleridgeacademy.org).

Sincerely,

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