

Mt. Edgecumbe High School Advisory Board – Applicant Questionnaire

The Alaska Department of Education is pleased that you are potentially willing to serve on the Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS) Advisory Board. In an effort to assist current MEHS Advisory Board members, the Department of Education and the Governor's Office in making the best selection possible for the vacant seats, we are encouraging you to complete the following questionnaire and return it with your letter of interest and detailed resume. Please attach additional sheets as needed.

Name Dorothy E. Chase **Position** Parent Representative

Current community of residence Bethel, AK

Current employer & position University of Alaska, Financial Aid Coordinator

Previous employer & position (relevant to serving on the MEHS Advisory Board) State of Alaska, Criminal Justice Technician II

1. What prompted you to consider applying for the vacant MEHS Advisory Board seat? I have had the honor to serve on the MEHS ASB since 2015 as both Parent and Alumni Representative. While I enjoy actively being involved on this board, it is very important to me to learn, listen, support and advocate for the best interest of our students and school. MEHS has been a vital part of my family education legacy. I graduated from MEHS in 1992, have two daughters that also graduated from MEHS in 2015 and 2018. Currently, I have a daughter who attends MEHS and another daughter who is entering high school and has applied to MEHS. MEHS is an excellent boarding school that provides the best education and challenges our children to succeed. It has an outstanding residential program that helps prepare students for their adult life. MEHS has helped instill many helpful values in me, my children and many others. I would like to see all of my children attend and graduate from this school that I truly care about. Education is very important to me and my family and every aspect of MEHS helps prepare our children to learn, grow and to succeed beyond high school. I want to be involved as much as possible and continue to be a positive advocate for our MEHS school, students and future generations.
2. In your opinion, what special interest, perspectives, talents and/or capacities could you bring to the MEHS Advisory Board?

I have been employed with the University of Alaska since 2014. I am familiar with the needs that students are required to meet in order to prepare for higher education and the challenges they face as first time college students. There are many steps in the planning process of education goals beyond high school whether it is college or training. I work closely with Academic advisors and Financial Aid personnel to ensure requirements are met. Being familiar with the higher education system has provided me with a better understanding and deeper knowledge of what it takes to be a helpful encouraging advocate for potential students who are not sure of their educational or career paths.

I believe each individual has something great and valuable to offer at different capacities throughout this State. I would like to continue to work with students to help them along their journey of success and

pursuing their dreams. As an alumna and parent of children who have graduated from MEHS, I have the knowledge that it takes to help guide, advocate and voice my concerns for the best interest of all MEHS students. MEHS has been a part of my family and will always have a special place in my heart.

3. Are you, or have you ever been, directly associated with MEHS? If so, in what capacity? I am a 1992 MEHS Alumna, my eldest daughter graduated from MEHS as the 2015 Valedictorian, my second eldest daughter is a 2018 MEHS Alumna, my third daughter is about to complete her sophomore year at MEHS and my fourth daughter is waiting on acceptance into MEHS. I have had the honor and privilege to serve on the MEHS Advisory School Board from 2015-2021. I have attended the MEHS graduations from 2013-2019 to celebrate my nieces, nephew and daughter's graduations.

4. What is your vision of the role of MEHS and how a public support residential high school fits in the larger educational scheme for the State of Alaska?

In my perspective, MEHS is and has been the leading role model residential school in Alaska for many years and has the greatest educational foundation for many students throughout Alaska. MEHS continues to provide and offer the best educational opportunities to both rural and urban students of Alaska. MEHS is always looking at ways to improve through strategic planning, helping prepare students in furthering their educational goals and to be successful beyond high school. I have seen MEHS make continuous improvements by assessing student progress, inspiring growth and achievement through challenging classes and offer a variety of educational opportunities, mapping test scores and preparing students for college readiness and vocational training. In Alaska, I believe these are the goals that we all want for our students to be well educated, challenged and prepared as much as possible to be successful. The residential setting helps students to overcome homesickness and learn healthy social and emotional skills, responsible living skills and independence.

5. To what other boards, commissions, etc., have you been appointed? Are you currently active on any boards, commissions, etc.?

2019-2021 Alumni Representative; MEHS Advisory School Board

2015-2018 Parent Representative; MEHS Advisory School Board

2014-2021 Member; Alaska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

2015-2016 Executive Board Secretary of Alaska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

2014-2021 Member; Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

6. In your opinion, what makes you uniquely qualified for the vacant seat for which you are making application?

I am very familiar with the process and knowledgeable in what it takes to serve on the MEHS Advisory School Board. I have learned a lot and have grown more through my experience while serving on the MEHS Advisory School Board from 2015-2021. I view my position and service on the MEHS Advisory School Board with high regard. MEHS has been a part of my family legacy. It is my wish and dream to see

all of my daughters graduate from MEHS. Being a student from a small rural community, attending MEHS was the best decision I made. In fact, my school has since permanently closed. I believe I share many similarities especially with rural students that choose to attend MEHS such as receiving the best education, taking on challenges and being successful, participating in as many sports and extra-curricular activities which may not be offered at local schools, learning responsibility and independence while living in the dorm and away from home, building positive relationships while making many new friends and helping prepare for adult life which can include college preparedness and/or vocational training. It is through my knowledge and experience that I can advocate for our students and school especially coming from a rural community and bridging that to my roles as MEHS alumni and parent.

7. If interested, please provide any additional information that you believe might be helpful to reviewers of your application.

I am very excited about the great changes and improvements MEHS has made and continues to make. I have truly enjoyed being a part of the MEHS Advisory School Board and have a strong desire and interest to continue to stay involved and committed to serving.

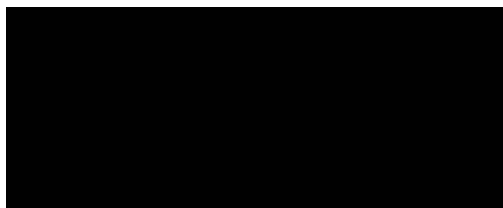
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Date

4/15/21

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Objective

I am eager to learn new challenges that will allow me to expand my work experience while assisting others.

Qualifications

- Reliable and committed to professional excellence with great organizational skills and training
 - Honest, Responsible, Punctual, Hard-working, Fast learner, Cheerful and Friendly

Customer Service and Administrative Skills

- Friendly, Committed to bringing out real, practical results in people's lives
- Demonstrated efficiency in answering and directing telephone calls, resolving customer concerns and handling the public with sensitivity
 - Various Computer skills including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Outlook
 - Accurately type business correspondence at 56 words per minute with ten key
- Experience with State and Federal Resource Programs, Scheduling, Records Management and Medical Office Management

Achievements/Additional information

2019-2021 MEHS Advisory School Board; Alumni Representative; Vice Chairperson

2015-2018 MEHS Advisory School Board; Parent Representative; Secretary/Chairperson

2014-2021 Alaska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Member/Secretary

2014-2021 Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Member

2017 WASFAA Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute Advanced Track completion

2016 WASFAA Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute Intermediate Track completion

2015 WASFAA Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute Basic Track completion

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Employment

Financial Aid Coordinator, University of Alaska, Bethel, AK; January 20-still employed

Criminal Justice Technician II, State of Alaska, Bethel, AK; November 19-January 20

Child Care Coordinator, AVCP, Bethel, AK; September 19-October 19

Financial Aid Coordinator, University of Alaska, Bethel, AK; August 14-July 19

EET-477 Case Manager/TERO, AVCP, Bethel, AK; Dec 12-August 14

Homemaker, Bethel, AK; November 12-December 12

Case Manager Supervisor, AVCP, Bethel, AK; May 11-Nov 12

Patient Resources Financial Counselor, YKHC, Bethel, AK; May 10-May 11

Education

UAF Kuskokwim Campus, Bethel, Alaska- Associate of Arts General Program Degree

Career Academy, Anchorage, Alaska - Medical Assistant Specialist Certification

Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage, Alaska – General Education Requirements

UAA, Anchorage, Alaska – General Education Requirements

Alaska Job Corps Center, Palmer, Alaska – Health Occupations, Certified Nurse Aide

Mt. Edgecumbe HS, Sitka, Alaska – HS Diploma

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April 15, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello. My name is Dorothy E. Chase from Bethel, Alaska. I am submitting this letter of interest for the MEHS Advisory School Board Parent Representative seat. Currently, I serve as the MEHS Advisory School Board Alumni Representative. I have also served as Parent Representative from 2015-2018. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the MEHS board.

I was raised in Pitka's Point, a very small rural village along the lower Yukon River. Our total school population averaged 45-65 students per year. The education and the sports and extracurricular activities offered were extremely limited or not offered at all. I happily applied for MEHS and graduated in 1992. While at MEHS, I was very fortunate to have learned so many valuable skills and abilities that helped me to be a responsible, reliable, motivated, independent and successful adult. The excellent education provided and the residential experience helped shape who I am today.

I have many family members and friends that have also successfully attended MEHS. I have three daughters that followed my footsteps and have attended MEHS. My eldest daughter graduated in 2015, my second eldest graduated in May 2018 and my third daughter is currently a sophomore at MEHS. My fourth daughter has applied and is waiting for acceptance to MEHS. Finally, my youngest daughter is also planning to apply to MEHS in two years. In addition, my sister and her children have also graduated from MEHS and so have many others that I know from the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Region and throughout the State. MEHS is an amazing school and I am proud to be a part of the MEHS family.

I would like to continue to be a part of the MEHS family specifically involved in and with the MEHS Advisory School Board. Receiving the best education has always been an important part of my personal goals for my children and for the students of Alaska. I would like to continue to serve, support, listen, learn, advocate and actively be involved in the continuous successes and future planning of MEHS.

Thank you for your time, support and consideration.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy E. Chase".

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Bethel, AK