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2019-2020 Board Candidates Biographies

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Dear Parents, Staff, and Board Members:

On March 5 and 6, 2020, the Board members, parents and guardians, and staff of Hennepin Schools will have the opportunity to vote in a non-contested election of the following two candidates.

For Parent Board Member (Open Seat):

Ms Alma Iglesias

Alma Iglesias was born in Tuxpan, Veracruz and has lived in the United States (Texas, Idaho, and Minnesota) for fourteen years. She is a mother and a homemaker who completed some college level courses in her home country. Ms. Iglesias wants to be on the Hennepin Schools board to be involved in her children's schools. As well, she wants to be a voice and a vote for other parents, and she wants to continue to learn. Ms. Iglesia has three children at Hennepin School; two at the elementary school and one at the middle school. Ms. Iglesias has worked in various businesses both back home and here in the States, including private banking and factory work. She served on the Sleepy Eye Head Start Board from 2008 to 2009. Ms. Iglesias will be running for the seat currently held by Mr. Yuusf Mohamed as a parent member.

For Community Board Member (Incumbent):

Mr. Miguel Mendez, Business Analyst at United Healthcare Group. Mr. Mendez grew up in California and Mexico until he went to Europe to further his education. In 2007 he graduated from the University of Westminster in London with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. After living in Madrid, Munich, Barcelona and Miami, he made his way to Minnesota in the summer of 2014. Mr. Mendez began his involvement with Hennepin Elementary School in 2014. He started out as a Spanish translator for school documentation and Spanish interpreter for Hispanic families of HES. Thanks to his positive personality and passion for the well-being of the students, he was brought on as a full staff member. He became involved in the administration of the healthy lunch program, aided teachers as an assistant and educational liaison. He has proudly represented HES at multiple Twin City events. When offered a job at Delta he was sad and hesitant to leave, but understood he couldn't pass on a great opportunity. However that has not stopped him from being involved with the school, the students and the school's activities. Mr. Mendez is an active member of various organizations and cultural societies here in the Twin Cities. Mr. Mendez is currently a board member of Hennepin Schools elected in 2016.