



Birch Grove Community School

Birch Grove Community School will promote academic excellence utilizing our unique natural setting to prepare students to become socially and environmentally responsible, self-directed, life-long learners.

School Board Member Oath of Office

(Reflecting VOA-MN Governance Standards and Meeting Responsibilities)

As a member of the Birch Grove Community School Board of Directors, I solemnly affirm my commitment to the following principles:

1. Commitment to Governance and Law

- I will uphold all applicable laws, board bylaws, and school policies.
- I will help meet the VOA-MN Governance Standards, including compliance with Minnesota Open Meeting Law and all board structure, training, and reporting requirements.
- I will respect the authority and decisions of the Board as a whole.

2. Duty of Care

- I will prepare for and actively participate in board and committee meetings.
- I will base my decisions on facts and the best interests of the entire school community.
- I will ensure board documents and information are reviewed and distributed as required.
- I will stay on task during meetings, supporting efficient and effective board operations.

3. Duty of Loyalty

- I will avoid conflicts of interest and act solely in the best interest of the school.
- I will support the board's oversight of school leadership, academic performance, and policy implementation.

4. Duty of Obedience

- I will comply with all board training and evaluation requirements.
- I will maintain confidentiality and data privacy as required by law.
- I will not act or speak on behalf of the Board unless authorized.

5. Meeting Conduct and Observation

- I will support transparent, orderly, and inclusive meetings, ensuring all agenda items are addressed and the board remains focused on its responsibilities.
- I will contribute to a respectful environment and uphold the integrity of board proceedings.

I affirm my pledge to these standards this ____ day of _____, 20

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Term Expires: _____