

July 8, 2019

Dear Community Members,

We wish to invite you to apply to be a member of the Academy for Math, Engineering, & Science (AMES) Board of Trustees for the 2019-2022 term. We are seeking individuals to fill two positions on our board, related to minority and/or under presented populations and/or the business community. We would like to tell you about our school in this letter, and then we'd like to invite you to come tour AMES, so you can see first-hand what a special place it is. If you are then interested in applying to join the Board, we would invite you to submit a Personal Statement of interest can be submitted to Mrs. Nancy Carpenter at AMES at ncarpenter@ames-slc.org.

AMES was founded in 2003 as part of a state initiative known as the New Century High Schools from former Governor of Utah Leavitt "to give Utah high school students greater access and opportunities for advancement in specialized fields of study for a better Utah". It is intended to be an alternative to the traditional type of high school, and as such, AMES limits its enrollment to keep a "small school" environment and focuses on providing education accessible to students from all around the valley, and serving a diverse population. Due to AMES's focus on diversity, AMES reaches out to several cities around the Salt Lake City valley, providing information about the school to all students. The school provides buses to fulfil transportation needs. Total enrollment is capped at about 500 students. Enrollment is open to all students living anywhere in the Salt Lake Valley. Each year, new students are selected based on a random lottery from the applications received.

AMES is partnered with the University of Utah. Students attending AMES are able to take University of Utah courses, taught in AMES classrooms by university professors, at the same time that they are completing their normal high school graduation requirements. University courses currently taught at AMES include: chemistry, college level math (algebra, calculus, & statistics), physics, social science and writing.

AMES is an innovative school that addresses the problems of student diversity, STEM education and college prep. Being a member of AMES Board of Trustees provides you with a unique opportunity to:

- Contribute to the success of the school
- Make a positive impact on individual student success
- Serve the AMES community
- Expand your network and meet people with similar interests

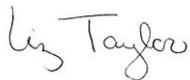
AMES is a dynamic organization and needs the support and input of people with your experience and insight.

The main purpose of the Board of Trustees for AMES is to keep track of the big picture of the school, address issues of concern and develop possible strategies to address these concerns. It is important to promote voice at the school level and to provide a setting for the school and its constituencies' interests to be addressed.

Board meetings will be held monthly starting in September and ending in June. Each meeting will be less than two hours in duration. Expectations are that Board members will attend at least 80% of the meetings held.

Please consider this invitation to learn more about AMES. Please let me know a convenient time for you to tour the school, and I will schedule that. We do hope that you will consider lending your time and talents to what we believe to be an exemplary school that delivers an excellent education in an environment that fosters student well-being and belonging.

Sincerely,



Liz Taylor, Board Chair
Academy for Math, Engineering & Science