



The mission of the Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School is:  
To engage students in a school which uses experiential, hands-on activities, the arts, and interdisciplinary studies to foster critical thinking skills and a joy of learning.

To sustain a cooperative, intimate community of students, staff, families and local community members, which guides and supports the school and its educational program.

To cultivate children's individual voices and a shared respect for each other, our community, and the world around us.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Board of Trustees of the Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School (HCCPS). We appreciate your time and enthusiasm and we hope that this proves to be a good fit all around.

The Board of Trustees holds the school's charter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is responsible for the school's overarching philosophies, direction and policies. It operates using a consensus model and is accountable for all legal and fiscal matters affecting the school, including the hiring of Domain Coordinators, and approving the lease, the annual budget and all organizational and personnel policy decisions. Members of HCCPS elect Trustees at their annual meeting in the late spring. Board members of HCCPS serve up to two 3-year terms and, if they are a parent in the school, are expected to serve on the finance, personnel, site, or governance and board sustainability committees (GABS), or serve as president, vice president, treasurer or clerk. Community members on the Board may choose a two year term and do not have the same committee expectations. The board meets at the school in Easthampton on the second Wednesday of every month, usually excluding August, from 6:30PM until about 8:30PM.

Please complete this form, using an additional sheet if necessary, and return it with a current CV or resume to the school's Director of Community and Family Engagement, Deirdre Arthen at: [darthen@hilltowncharter.org](mailto:darthen@hilltowncharter.org)

A GABS committee member will then contact you to talk about your interest in the Board and next steps. Each year, when openings on the Board become available, the Committee presents a slate of interested candidates to the full board and then to the Cooperative for a vote. The voting takes place at our annual meeting in May.

If you would like to know more about Hilltown, visit our website: [www.hilltowncharter.org](http://www.hilltowncharter.org), or feel free to contact a school coordinator at 413-529-7178 with any questions that come up.

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## HCCPS Board of Trustees Interest Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name:

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Address:

Best phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Best email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current or most recent employment and what position do/did you hold?

How did you hear about and connect with HCCPS?

What interests you most about the school or about education in general ?

Why are you interested in serving on this Board ?

**What skills do you hope to bring to the organization? (Please check any and explain below)?**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finance</li><li>• Real Estate</li><li>• Leadership</li><li>• Non-profit experience</li><li>• Education</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing/editing</li><li>• Development</li><li>• Volunteering</li><li>• Commitment to school</li><li>• Law</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Relations</li><li>• Community Building</li><li>• Creativity</li><li>• Charter school policy</li><li>• Corporate</li><li>• other</li></ul>
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**When is the earliest you would be available to serve?**

**If there is no space available on the Board of Trustees, are you interested in serving on a committee or in another way?**

- Yes
- No

**Which committees or groups most interest you? Please check as many as you like.**

- BoT Finance
- BoT Personnel
- BoT Site
- BoT Governance / Board Sustainability
  
- Friends of Hilltown (501-c-3 fundraising organization)

**The HCCPS Board uses consensus process for decision-making. Are you familiar or experienced with consensus process? If yes, please tell us where you have used it before. If not, do you think you'd be open to learning and using it?**

**Please tell us about your prior Board experience?**

**Is there anything else you think we should know? (Attach paper if needed)**

***Thank you very much for your time and interest.***  
*Please return this form to Deirdre Arthen at school or at: ([darthen@hilltowncharter.org](mailto:darthen@hilltowncharter.org))*