



## **Youth Advisory Board Appointment Recommendations**

**Place 1 – MISD District Admin:** Janine Fields, Deputy Superintendent

**Place 2 – MISD High School Staff or Faculty:** Zachary Brimager, Advanced Academics Coordinator - North Mesquite

**Background:** Born and raised in Mesquite, first-generation college student, residing in Mesquite long-term

**Experience:** Classroom teacher and school-wide academics coordinator working closely with teachers, students, and administration. Currently teaching a leadership course at North Mesquite High School and having great success at the district level competitions.

**Impact:** Unique opportunity to give back to the community, have open ears for how young people feel about the community vs what adults think, believes this could have a domino effect to create positive change, flexible and excited to be part of building the foundation of the board; explicitly passionate about civic engagement and student-led opportunities.

**Place 3 – MISD Middle School Staff or Faculty:** VACANT

**Place 4 – Business Community:** Teresa Jackson, Sharing Life Community Outreach Founder and CEO

**Place 5 – Business Community:** Romeo Ahmad, Overhead Pizza Owner

**Background:** Originally a refugee to the U.S., moved from California to Texas; married with children

**Experience:** Local business owner in Mesquite opening OverHead Pizza in Mesquite in 2024.

**Impact:** Has partnership with MISD Read, Play, Talk to invite and give back to the community. Passionate about supporting youth and developing strong communities and selflessly sharing resources.

**Place 6 – Resident:** Letezia Anderson, MRI Technologist

**Background:** Moved to Mesquite in recent years, mother of Horn High School student

**Experience:** Active community member, works locally, completed Project Lead



**Impact:** Wants to have an impact on educating the community on its resources: making options more feasible for young people; appreciates that Mesquite is a melting pot and wants to see increased representation and participation in local activities. Provides a lens of living in other cities and communities to knowledge share with the board her experience.

**Place 7 – Resident:** Cassandra Morris, Medical Coder

**Background:** Mesquite resident and homeowner, mother, employed locally

**Experience:** Kimbrough PTO Parent, KMB involvement, Legislative Advocacy Committee & Facility Planning Committee

**Impact:** Heavily involved with the school district and provides a lens on MISD and actively working to find outlets for youth and appropriate supports for them

**Place 8 – Resident:** : Liza Cenicerros, VP Programs & Events - Garland Chamber

**Background:** Mesquite resident for 18 years; Mother of 2 MISD graduates, Garland Chamber of Commerce and do things with GISD.

**Experience:** Project Lead, Creek Crossing Neighborhood Association, Leadership Garland; Historic Mesquite and KMB

**Impact:** Wants to get more connected to Mesquite; closely tied to youth experience with two children, provide a lens to keep parents engaged with their students and find more opportunities for youth to get engaged with the community.

**Place 9 – Resident:** Alexa Chapman, MISD Family Engagement Facilitator

**Background:** Mesquite Resident

**Experience:** Currently leading programs for parents and families; Middle school teacher for 7 years, involved with youth at her church, remains engaged tutoring middle school students, neighborhood HOA secretary, Mesquite Kiwanis

**Impact:** Passionate about giving equitable outcomes to kids and connecting the bridge to parents. Wants to attend youth council meetings and provided examples of ways to engage; see parallel to MISD Superintendents Council gathering data and proposing their solutions