RIFAT FATEMA

Candidate for Parent Representative

PCAS School Board

Assalamu A'laikum.

I am Rifat Fatema, a proud parent of a PCAS student, an active community volunteer, and a passionate science educator. I have been nominated for the position of Parent Representative for Panama City Advanced School's (PCAS) school board. I am pleased to inform you that I have accepted the nomination and am running for the above-mentioned position. I am looking forward to working with all of you for the betterment of our children and this school.

I have been actively involved in our school community as a volunteer for many years. I was a Muslim Interscholastic Tournament (MIST) coach for few years, and very recently I have been coaching PCAS's robotics club as an assistant coach. I have been an educator for 17 years in the field of physics, which has helped me identify problems, manage resources, collaborate constructively with diverse groups of people and solve problems.

My priorities as a Parent Representative for our school are creating effective communication between parents and the board, helping parents understand board decisions and share feedback before votes are cast. We live in a time where technological advancement is moving at a faster pace than we ever imagined. As a parent we need to ensure our children are ready to face this challenge. As a parent representative I will advocate for high-quality programs and safe learning environment for every child, regardless of background and learning styles.

I am all for student success initiative, teacher training, and parent engagement. I would like to work with all of you to build a 3-to-5-year strategic roadmap to ensure our teachers are well taken care of, ready to incorporate innovative and effective teaching strategies in classrooms and have access to resources. When we care for our teachers, our children will be cared for. And when we care, growth happens.

I believe when we all work together for a common goal, listen and respect each other, we can accomplish what we are fighting for. I will listen to your ideas, communicate with the board efficiently, and be a fierce advocate for all our children. Thank you for your time, your trust, and your vote. May Allah help us, guide us, and bless us, Ameen.

Kindest Regards,
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