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To THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of Lycée Jules Verne,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Lycée Jules Verne Board as a member of the board. My name is Eseza Kironde-Hall, and I am the mother of Nandaula and Kaima Kironde-Hall, who are twins in CE2 A. They hold dual French and South African citizenship, while I am Ugandan but have lived in South Africa for just over eleven years.

With a background in finance and accounting, experience as a doula, and a strong commitment to community advocacy through my work with Sickle Cell South Africa, I believe I am uniquely positioned to contribute positively to the school's governance and enhancement efforts.

I am a very involved mother and often become known as one of the "class mothers" and this with my current role as a representative in the Conseil D'école for CE2 has provided me with invaluable insights into the dynamics between parents, teachers, students and the school administration. Through my involvement, I have observed a need for greater transparency and improvement in how parents communicate with the school administration, extracurricular activities are managed, as well as the overall educational environment. I am particularly interested in addressing the following areas:

- 1. **Extracurricular Activities**: I believe there is an opportunity to enhance how extracurricular programs are organized and communicated to parents and students. Ensuring that these activities are well-managed and that progress is regularly reported can significantly enrich our children's educational experience.
- 2. **Teacher Management and Accountability**: Parents have raised concerns about inconsistent teacher attendance and the impact of visa issues on school schedules. I am committed to exploring solutions that ensure teachers are present and engaged, thus providing a stable learning environment for our students.
- 3. Communication Between Parents and School Management: Effective communication is crucial for addressing concerns and fostering a collaborative environment. I aim to work towards improving the channels through which parents can voice their concerns and receive timely responses, thereby enhancing overall satisfaction and trust in the school system.

My experience in finance and accounting equips me with the skills to analyse data, manage budgets, and ensure transparent financial practices. Additionally, my work as a doula has honed my ability to empathize, communicate effectively, and support diverse needs. These skills, combined with my dedication to advocacy through Sickle Cell South Africa, demonstrate my commitment to making a meaningful impact.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to the board and help drive positive changes in our school community. I would be honoured to discuss how my background and skills align with the needs of the board in more detail. Thank you for considering my

application. I look forward to the possibility of working together to improve our school environment for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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