**Applicant Bio:**

Hi there! I'm Cindy, a University of Alberta medical student and I'm thrilled to run for the positions of Western Regional Director and Director of Education at CFMS.

I've been on quite the academic adventure, from completing my bachelor’s in health sciences at McMaster University, to my master’s in public health at University of Toronto, I've got a solid foundation to bring to the table.

My journey in the professional world has been fun. Whether I'm working with public health agencies, guiding students as a residence advisor, or leading discussions as a teaching assistant, I've been lucky enough to wear many hats that have shaped me into the candidate I am today.

When I'm not buried in school, you can find me rowing with friends, swimming, or lending a hand at food banks. I believe in the power of community and giving back whenever I can.

If given the chance to serve as Western Regional Director and Director of Education, I want to create an environment where passion thrives, and where future medical professionals are equipped with the skills, they need to make a real difference.

So, there you have it, I'm excited about the opportunity to bring fresh ideas and energy to CFMS, and I hope you'll consider giving me your vote.

Warm regards,

Cindy Zhang

**Director of Education platform:**

Hey there!

I’m Cindy, and I’m excited to run for Director of Education. My goal is simple: to make sure that your medical education is top-notch and sets you up for success in the real world of clinical practice.

Let's face it, textbook knowledge is important, but it's not everything. That's why I'll advocate for a curriculum that prepares you well for real clinical scenarios. From hands-on experience to simulated patient interactions, I'll work to ensure that your education is as practical and relevant as possible.

**Building skills beyond the books:** Being a great doctor isn't just about knowing your stuff, it's also about knowing how to work with others, advocate for your patients, and navigate complex healthcare systems. Drawing from my experience as a teaching assistant for five courses at the University of Toronto and as a peer tutor for various courses at McMaster health sciences, I'll bring a deep understanding of what makes education effective and will be your advocate and voice on the board.

**Fostering collaboration and advocacy**: I believe that collaboration and advocacy are essential skills for every future healthcare professional. That's why I'll work to create opportunities for you to collaborate with your peers, learn how to advocate for your patients, and engage with the broader healthcare community.

**Tailoring solutions to your needs**: Every medical school is unique, with its own set of challenges and opportunities. I'll be your liaison between the board and medical society representatives and presidents, making sure that your school's specific needs are heard and addressed.

**Empowering student-led initiatives**: Your ideas and initiatives matter, whether it's advocating for better mental health support or pushing for more hands-on clinical experience, I'll support you every step of the way in your efforts to drive positive change within medical education.

Together, let's make sure that your medical education is not just effective, but also inspiring and fun!

Warm regards,

Cindy Zhang