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Subject: Asheville City School Board Representatives

Dear City Council Members,

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the City of Asheville. As a constituent of this city I was proud to vote for an all female council and I trust that you will guide your decisions by considering the perspectives of those you serve. I write to you from the perspective of a Kindergarten teacher in Asheville City Schools and a parent of two middle school students at Montford North Star Academy. I have worked in education for 15 years, with the last 8 in Asheville City Schools, and was proud to be recognized as the 2019 ACS Teacher of the Year. In my experience those who have served in the roles of classroom teachers, parent volunteers, and community advocates of public education have been the true change-makers and the best listeners when it comes to *serving* the community of students we are charged to teach and care for.

Like my colleague, Susanna Cerrato, I am writing today to strongly urge you to consider the applications and voices of the educators not included in the Boards & Commissions recommendations: Pepi Acebo, Libby Kyles and Kate Brewer Fisher. These individuals are representative of Asheville City Schools' teachers, parents, and community members. They have worked tirelessly as PTO representatives to support teachers and students prior to Covid-19 and continue to do so in the current state of affairs. They seem to have a great deal of parent and educator support and they should absolutely be considered as candidates for the school board.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration. Please make choices that illustrate that our district has reason to believe the City Council, as well as district leadership, are prioritizing what is best for our students and families by hearing the voices of their voters and stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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"We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right."
-Martin Luther King, Jr. Æ