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Subject: Honor Moor: 2nd Recommendation for another Candidate for School Board

Dear Wonderful City Council:

I am so proud of you all for serving together! While I realize you will not always agree on every vote, I feel that you are possibly the most thoughtful council ever in Asheville history!

My 2nd recommendation for ACS Board is Pepi Acebo. This is Pepi's 2nd time applying. The last time he ran, I read all of the finalist applications and watched his interview and urged council to select him. I did not know him at that time, but was impressed with his involvement and knowledge base. I felt he was very thoughtful.

Since then, it is clear that Pepi shows up over and over again and his heart is always in it for the students and teachers.

Since I have been through this process and have experienced it, I am aware that councilÂ receives theirÂ cues from the Superintendent. In this case I urge you to listen to the public before Central Offices.

We don't have a normal checks and balances system set up for our district. The entire point of school board is to keep Central Offices in check. Why would anyone take a suggestion from a new superintendent from another part of the country who has no personal investment in our community? He is nearing retirement.Â

If Pepi, Kate and Libby were to run for elected positions (as all of you did) they most likely would win. They have the public support.

We continue to do the same thing over and over again in our district...and expect a different result.

I urge you to listen to the people, not Central Offices or other's entrenched in the cycle, and appoint Kate, Pepi and Libby. These are the jeti's for the kids.Â

As a side note, Central offices is removing a wonderful Vice Principal who has worked her entire life at the high school school level. She is the only Principal that responds to students and parents. They are moving her to an elementary school. Parents are just blown away. The new superintendent feels like a hired hit man for a corporation to come in and make decisions that are against the grain of parents and teachers. Asheville High has been through several principals in a short number of years. They begin to get their balance again, and then the rug is pulled out from under them.Â

It's time to shake things up and put in leaders whose first priority are the students, teachers and schools. I beg you not to listen to Central offices. They will say things like avoid Kate and Pepi... because they are a threat to transparency.Â

Thank you for reading my letter of support and thank you to the city council members who responded back to let me know they received my first recommendation. I know your received hundreds of letters. God bless you all through this challenging period.Â

Sincerely,
Honor Moor

Former Asheville City Schools Foundation Board Member
Current Board Member of THRIVE
Current Board Member of the Asheville Community Theatre
Current Executive Committee Member of the AHS Debate Team
Current Member of the AHS Executive PTO Board
Current Administrator for Facebook Group WNC Common Ground, WNC FB administrators group, and two other fun non-political FB groups
Co-founder of FB Mission Maladies FB Group (I no longer admin.)
Former Board Member of the Jewish Community Center
Former First Vice-Chair of the Buncombe County Democratic Party
Former Executive Director of WNC Junior Achievement Programs
Former Executive Director of the Asheville Parks and Greenways Foundation
Mother of two Asheville City School students
Former Asheville City Schools student
Member of 4 different schools PTO's in the past 18 years