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Sage Turner,

Dear Asheville City Council Members,

As a parent of a kid (now adult) who attended K-12 in Asheville City schools, I am very concerned regarding the direction you are going with school board appointments. While my son was in school, it was the teachers in his life who paid attention to his special needs, who advocated on his behalf. It is our teachers who consistently make sacrifices on behalf of our children. That is why I feel it is important that educators' voices be given strong consideration as you deliberate on the choices before you.

Asheville Association of Educators (ACAE) has the best interest of educators and students in mind when endorsing these candidates. Asheville city schools will be strengthened by a school board that is open to two way communication with the stakeholders they represent. I support the Asheville Association of Educatorsâ€™ and Buncombe County Association of Educatorsâ€™ endorsement of Libby Kyles, Jacquelyn Carr McHargue, and Pepi Acebo. Please seriously consider and include all of them in your deliberations and interview process.

Thank you,

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