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Subject: ACS School Board appointments

Dear Asheville City Council,

I am writing as a citizen of Asheville and a parent to a first grader at Asheville Primary School. I am writing to urge city council to interview the following applicants for appointment to the ACS school board: Libby Kyles, Pepi Acebo, and Kate Fisher. I believe they would be great assets to the school board. I have seen and heard them fight for transparency, leadership, and above all, the best for the students of ACS. They are knowledgeable and have a passion to represent the parents of the children of ACS. I have been very disheartened to see what appears to be a lack of knowledge about ACS within the school board. I have been watching the school board meetings and the misrepresentation of parents and their advocacy for the students makes me question the decisions that are being made by the current school board and superintendent. The lack of transparency is staggering; parents unable to truly speak in town halls, comment sections of zoom meeting being turned off. I feel as if I do not have a voice. I believe Libby, Pepi, and Kate will represent my voice. Isn't that what a school board should do?

I would also like to say that the school board should move from an appointed process to an elected process. How are we as a community supposed to feel heard if we are not involved in the process of electing our school board?

Thank you for your time.

Kindly,

Amy Siler