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To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Cc: Brooke Heaton <brookeheaton@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Please nominate Acebo, Brewer Fisher and Kyles to the ACS Board

Dear Mayor Manheimer, City Council:

I support Brooke's recommendation to appoint three new ACS Board members. Let's be frank: Superintendent Freeman has a serious dishonesty and transparency problem. Not surprisingly, many school staff don't trust or feel respected or valued by him. Increasingly, parents of ACS students feel the same. Between Freeman's gaslighting and authoritarianism and the current Board's sycophantism, a dramatic course reversal is needed. We need a new majority on the Board to hold this Superintendent accountable and build rapport with families and school staff.

The stakes are real and high. Appointing new members will provide checks and balances on major pending decisions. Some have potentially life-and-death consequences in this pandemic, while others directly affect local community and BIPOC families.

Until the public can elect a School Board, we can only demand change indirectly. Please name three new Board members to change the direction and hold the Superintendent accountable.

Thank you,
Christina Mason

On Mon, Feb 1, 2021, 10:37 AM Brooke Heaton <brookeheaton@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Councillors,

As the father of an ACS student and concerned Asheville resident, I strongly support and encourage the nomination of THREE new faces to the ACS Board. Pepi Acebo, Kate Brewer Fisher, and Libby Kyles are informed and tireless advocates for Asheville students and teachers and can help to turn the ACS Board around. I have witnessed numerous lapses in judgement and leadership from the current ACS Board, including all three who seek renomination.

At this juncture, the ACS Board must seek NEW leadership with these new faces to build greater trust with ACS Parents and Teachers who have been deeply disappointed with the state of insolvency that ACS has been led to by the current board as well as their continued inability to lead.

Kind regards,

Brooke Heaton
ACS Parent