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Greetings, Mayor Manheimer -

I ask for your consideration of an OPEN PROCESS in the interview and appointment to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Asheville City Board of Education.

I hope you will consider the applications of Libby Kyles and myself. Along with Jackie Carr McHague, Ms. Kyles and I were endorsed by the Asheville City Educators Association. In my opinion, it was particularly tragic that Ms. Kyles was blocked from being interviewed this spring given her depth and breadth of experience with education and equity in Asheville City Schools and our community.

Sadly, the corruption that I warned Council about in February continues to plague Asheville City Schools, putting the school system in greater jeopardy. I'm more than concerned about the recent removal of Assistant Superintendent Shane Cassida for refusing to retaliate against former Food & Nutrition Director Katie Treece for following the legal requirements of her job by reporting fraud to her NCDPI regional supervisor, Jeanette Broda, Ms. Treece's predecessor at Asheville City Schools. I am also getting new reports of nepotism and retaliation.

We need Board of Education members who are knowledgeable about the issues that are hampering Asheville City Schools from being the best it can be for our community, our families, our staff, and, of course, our students. I hope you will consider Libby Kyles or myself for the opening.

As in the past, I am always a phone call away if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Service,

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