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Dear Councilmembers Roney and Turner,

Thank you for your no votes this evening in the matter of ACS School Board appointees. I am pretty confused at the process and know there was an outpouring of community support for Pepi Acebo, Kate Fisher, and Libby Kyles. I am disappointed they did get much consideration or discussion. I stand by my belief that we need deep change on the ACS School Board, and it's a sad missed opportunity to leave these three community leaders out.

Thank you,  
Sophie

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 3:33 PM Kim Roney <[kimroney@avlcouncil.com](mailto:kimroney@avlcouncil.com)> wrote:

Sophie, there's still action at the Council meeting tonight. Thank you for lifting up Libby, Pepi, and Kate as well as naming your why.

I will be addressing the exclusion of educators and parents who applied. Thank you for reaching out and staying involved.

Kim

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 2:20 PM Sophie Mullinax <[sophie.mullinax@gmail.com](mailto:sophie.mullinax@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Councillors,

I strongly urge you to interview Pepi Acebo, Kate Brewer Fisher, and Libby Kyles for school board. We desperately need new voices and faces on the school board, and until we have an elected school board, asking you to appoint these three individuals is all I have the power to do to influence an entity that holds great power over the future course of Asheville City Schools.

I am wife to an ACS school teacher, mother to a future ACS student, and a concerned and engaged Asheville resident. 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.

Thank you for your consideration,

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