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City Councilwoman Kilgore, thank you for joining before the Council the decision to support making BOE members positions that are elected by the community. The City Council took an important step toward ensuring that those in control of our public schools reflect the community's priorities and are accountable to Asheville residents, school parents and teachers.

Another important decision is now before you - to appoint the new BOE members. I urge you to again consider the importance of ensuring BOE members have broad buy-in from our community, teachers and parents. The process followed by the Boards and Commissions Committee to narrow down the field of 16 applicants to 5 put efficiency before buy-in and lacked the transparency we need to build community support for our BOE. Our school system is in a crisis of leadership, of inequitable outcomes and of financial accountability.

I respectfully urge you to...

- Give all 16 applicants a fair hearing and interview;
- Consider putting your trust in our teachers and appointing the three applicants endorsed by the Asheville City Assn. for Educators - Libby Kyles, Jacquelyn Carr McHargue and Pepi Acebo; and
- Please, under no circumstances, reappoint any current BOE member - they have not proven to be effective at addressing the critical issues facing our schools and have lost the trust of our community.

Respectfully,

Diana Toledo  
AMS and AHS parent