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Letter of Intent

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Albemarle County School Board
Attention: Clerk's Office
401 McIntire Road, Room 345
Charlottesville, VA 22902

I am writing to announce to the Albemarle County School Board that I am applying for the open Rivanna Seat on the Albemarle County School Board. As a parent of two elementary students and two future students, I have taken an active role supporting my children's education by serving on the Stony Point Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and as representative for Stony Point Elementary at Parent Council, while attending School Board meetings during the past 18 months to increase my knowledge and understanding of the challenges facing public education in Albemarle County. I wish to serve my community by serving on the Albemarle County School Board.

Our community takes great pride in our outstanding educational system and strives to provide the resources necessary for students to succeed. We have an outstanding group of teachers who are highly dedicated to serving their students bringing innovative and enthusiastic teaching methods into classrooms across the county and preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs. In late 2010, numerous teachers had a chance to speak with Board members regarding the 8-period day and I see great potential in have a series of ongoing forums with the teachers that allow the Board to have candid discussions with our educators. This forum would certainly be beneficial allowing the Board to identify problem areas and create acceptable and positive results. It should be implemented to occur at least 4 times a year.

Our current fiscal situation is as challenging as it was the previous year, perhaps even more so. There is a constant, growing financial drain upon schools due to the amount of legislated mandates that are passed every year with little relief. Some school divisions in Virginia have received waivers for mandates. Has the Division applied for waivers to reduce costs from mandates? How much money do the mandates drain from our Division on a yearly basis? How much time and energy is spent fulfilling all mandates? The Board could ask teachers how the mandates affect their ability to educate and the

forum would be an excellent starting point. Estimates range from 25% to 33% of the our budget is spent on mandates yet the exact number may take months to find. That money could be used to alleviate the fiscal strain we face today.

I look forward to meeting all of the challenges facing the Albemarle County Schools as a representative of the Rivanna District.

Sincerely,

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Education

Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI.

Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, 1996

Major: Government, Social Studies. Minor: History

Experience

1998-2005 Games Workshop, 6721 Baymeadow Dr., Glen Burnie, MD 22060

Hobby Manager -Directed a promotional team in a global company to implement and operate a variety of inspirational events and programs across the United States, while creating and managing a content team providing material for print and web sources. Collaborated with overseas counterparts to implement company goals.

2005 Gale Force Nine LLC, 385-120 Reas Ford Rd., Earlysville, VA 22936

Director of Terrain - Managing the creative development and production processes of tabletop gaming scenic items while collaborating with overseas management to provide required designs.

Service

Fall 2008 to present - Stony Point Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Fall 2009 to present - Albemarle County Parent Council representative for Stony Point Elementary

Fall 2009 to present - Stony Point Ruritan