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Albemarle County School Board  
Albemarle County Schools  
401 McIntire Rd.  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Dear School Board Members;

Please consider this letter and resume my application for the Rivanna District Seat on the Albemarle County School Board.

I am applying because of my deep commitment to my community and my belief that it is each citizen's responsibility to volunteer to help their fellow citizens when an opportunity arises that they are uniquely qualified to fulfill.

My wife Carolyn and I have lived in the Charlottesville/Albemarle community since 1979, both our children attended and graduated from Albemarle County Schools. During this time I have served on numerous boards and commissions, including Chairman of the Board of Supervisors appointed "Children and Youth Commission".

One strength that I would bring to the position is my ability to listen to what appears to be conflicting viewpoints and come to a resolution that everyone feels is reasonable, and are comfortable supporting. As evidenced by bringing together Charlottesville City Council and the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors to jointly fund Community projects. Also my 30 years of active political involvement would allow me to help with communications between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors, as I have assisted in many of the Supervisors Political Campaigns and have made the acquaintance with all other members. My over 30 years of Business Management experience would also provide a perspective which would be helpful as it pertains to both budgeting and business systems analysis.

I appreciate your consideration of my application and look forward to continuing the application process.

Sincerely,

John F. Dawson Jr.

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## **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Expert skills in collaborating with and educating:

- Employees • Executives
- Community Leaders

Successfully integrated and balanced multiple complex functional roles to include

~ Operations Manager ~ Team Leader ~ Educator ~  
~ Board and Volunteer Development ~ Community Leaders Identification and Recruitment ~

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

### **DIVE CONNECTIONS SCUBA SHOP**

2000 to *Co-Owner/Manager, Charlottesville, VA*

Present

~ Organized over 100 international trips ~ Scuba certified over 200 students per year.

### **FITNESS GALLERY**

1989 to *Founding Partner & President, Charlottesville, VA*

2000

Sales and service of high quality fitness equipment both residential and commercial

### **YMCA**

1986 to *Executive Director, Monroe, LA*

1989

~ Supervised staff of 82 for a full facility YMCA with 14 After School Programs . ~ Managed billing, budgets, payroll, purchasing, IRS reporting, employee benefits

1981 to *Executive Director, Charlottesville, VA*

1986 Supervised staff of 42 ~ Managed billing, budgets, payroll, purchasing, IRS reporting, employee benefits

1974 to *Program Director, Charlottesville, VA & Orlando, FL*

1981 Supervised paid staff of 31

## **EDUCATION**

- B.A. University of Central Florida

## **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- Treasurer YMCA Board of Directors 1993-2003
- Chairman Charlottesville/Albemarle Youth Services Commission Member
- Charlottesville Rotary Club