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Jessica Fitzwater
Frederick County Executive

Dear Jessica,

I am writing this letter to introduce myself and to express my interest in serving on the Frederick County Board of Education to complete the term left open by Nancy Allen's recent resignation.

I am a passionate, lifelong teacher and learner. While many people in education aspire to various positions outside the classroom, I remained there happy and successful for forty years. The work of teaching is challenging by definition and those who really strive for excellence never tire of the challenge. As a classroom teacher, I learned how important it is to know our students, to know our subject matter, and to know and use the best instructional practices. However, many teachers need more support than they are getting, and could benefit from opportunities for professional collaboration with peers and experienced instructional coaches. The position of Resource Teacher (department chair) for the last eight years of my career allowed me to continue teaching and also to work with other teachers to improve their practice. It is my sincere belief that every classroom and the teacher in it, are ground zero in a school system. Having high expectations for teachers and having people and programs in place to enable and empower them should be our goal. As a retired educator, I see my role on the Board of Education as an opportunity to continue advocating and providing for successful classrooms.

I realize that there are some political implications surrounding this appointment, even though the Board is not a political body. You will find me to be a person who weighs decisions in light of the best outcome for students. As a moderate I'm committed to listening to families, collaborating with educators, and avoiding political extremes on either side. My goal is to bring balanced, thoughtful leadership that puts our students and community first.

I appreciate your consideration of my application and look forward to speaking with you to discuss how I might best serve Frederick County Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Becky Ahearn