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Office of the County Executive
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Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my profound interest in filling the open seat on the Frederick County Board of Education. As a dedicated Frederick County resident, a registered voter, a career special educator, and a parent of two neurodivergent children, I am deeply committed to strengthening public education through equity-driven leadership, informed decision-making, and authentic community engagement.

I bring over 15 years of experience in special education, early childhood, assistive technology, and inclusive instructional support, currently serving as an Assistive Technology Specialist with Montgomery County Public Schools. In my current work, I collaborate with educators, therapists, and families to ensure students with disabilities have access to communication, learning tools, and high-quality instruction across a wide range of learning environments. My professional background includes:

- Leading professional development for school teams.
- Guiding IEP implementation and supporting compliance with federal and state regulations.
- Helping schools design learning experiences that honor the strengths and needs of diverse learners.

My resume, included with this letter, provides further detail on my experience. My professional expertise is powerfully complemented by my lived experience as the mother of two children who receive special education and related services. This dual perspective as both an educator and a parent strengthens my understanding of how policies and decisions made at the board level directly influence students' day-to-day experiences. I know firsthand how essential it is for families to feel supported, for educators to feel equipped, and for students to encounter learning environments that recognize their unique talents and challenges.

Throughout my career, I have been a consistent advocate for inclusion, culturally responsive practice, universal design, and equitable access to resources. These values guide my work with school teams and families, and they would guide my service as a Board of Education member. I believe in thoughtful governance, transparent communication, and decisions grounded in data, community voice, and what is best for students' long-term success.

Frederick County is a growing, diverse community, and our school system must continue to evolve to meet the academic, social-emotional, and accessibility needs of every learner. I would be honored to contribute my expertise, leadership, and parent perspective to that vital effort.

Thank you for your consideration. I welcome the opportunity to further discuss how I can contribute to the Frederick County Board of Education and support the students, families, and educators of this community.

Sincerely,

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