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Dear Ms. Laxton,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Frederick County Board of Education in light of Board Member Nancy Allen's resignation. As you will see on my resume, I have been deeply committed to a life of public service, and believe I could greatly contribute to the mission and goals of the Board of Education. I recently retired earlier this year after 34 years of federal and state government roles, and am eager to contribute my skills, experience, and passion for public service to the Board of Education in support of the county's mission of preparing all students for success.

Throughout my career in government, I have been an advocate for public institutions and public service, and I believe that effective governance requires not only sound policy-making and oversight, but also listening to the voices of constituents and stakeholders in order to implement the most effective solutions. My background in both federal and state government roles has offered me the opportunity to analyze federal and state laws and regulations in order to develop effective policies, procedures and standards for implementation at multiple levels of government. In addition to participating in multiple working groups, committees and boards, I have led many intra- and inter-agency efforts over the years, primarily but not exclusively in the areas of cybersecurity and information technology, and have collaborated with a diverse array of personnel on policy development, implementation and governance, while also ensuring that policy does not get in the way of innovation or effective operations.

I am particularly motivated by the opportunity to shape policies that ensure that Frederick County schools provide a first-class educational environment which prepares students for the demands of a rapidly changing world. I am a proud graduate of a public school system, as are my wife and son, and I am confident that my dedication to effective governance of this public trust will make me a valuable asset to the Board.

Thank you for considering my application. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how my experience and perspective can contribute to the continued success of Frederick County Schools, and I look forward to the possibility of serving our community in this important capacity.

Sincerely,

