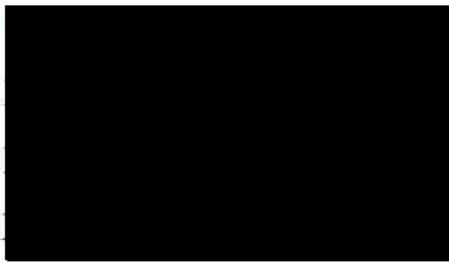


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December 2, 2025

The Honorable Jessica Fitzwater
County Executive
Frederick County Government
12 East Church Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear County Executive Fitzwater,

I am writing as your neighbor and as someone deeply committed to the well-being of Frederick County's students. With the vacancy that will arise on the Board of Education following Ms. Nancy Allen's resignation, I respectfully volunteer to serve as an interim appointee until the next general election.

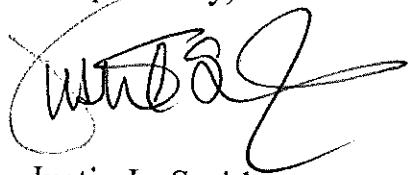
You are aware that I previously sought a seat on the Board before illness prevented me from continuing that effort. My purpose then is the same now. I want to help steady and support an institution that is essential to our county's future. I volunteer in a temporary capacity only and give you my clear assurance that I will not seek election to the seat in the next cycle. My intent is to serve, provide stability, and then step aside for the voters to select their long-term representative.

My background has prepared me for this role. I served as a Navy Chief Petty Officer and have continued to work with and support young people as a junior varsity football coach and as a theater assistant at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School. As a foster parent, I understand firsthand the challenges and opportunities facing families in our public school system. These experiences reflect my commitment to service, teamwork, and the well-being of students from all backgrounds.

If you believe my appointment would help the Board and our school community through this transition, I would be honored to serve.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership of our county.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JL".

Justin L. Smith

CPO, USN (ret.)