
[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear County Executive Fitzwater,

I am writing to express my interest in the open seat on the Frederick County Board of Education. Please find my attached resume. My interest originates from my own lifetime of learning. I have experienced how truly superior teaching can transform a young person's life. My interest also stems from the realization that a well-educated citizenry is critical for sustaining our liberal democracy. Education is everything.

My formal education began in neighboring Washington County Public Schools. Only an average student in grade school, I made a clean slate at the then-named Hagerstown Junior College, where I encountered some of the most outstanding instructors in math and science. They helped propel me into an academic experience that resulted in a B.S. in physics with honors from James Madison University and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Virginia, where I also worked as a teaching assistant and learned first-hand how challenging teaching can be. In retrospect, WCPS did a pretty good job preparing me.

Since graduation, my career has spanned multiple industries in both the public and private sectors: software, financial services, genetics, and hospitality. Always having been awed by the beauty of Frederick County, I chose to move here in 2013 when family needed me near. During this time, I have worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as a scientific software engineer and IT specialist.

Continuing education classes have expanded my knowledge into carpentry and emergency medicine. I have been a volunteer first responder as a member of the National Ski Patrol since 2009. I have also served my community in the past by sitting on the Burkittsville Planning & Zoning Commission and on the board of the Burkittsville Preservation Association.

While I am not an expert in pedagogic theory, I believe my background would make me an asset to FCPS. Serving on the Board of Education for any duration would be an honor. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my experience or my interest in this application. Thank you for your consideration.

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