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Board of School Trustees
c/o of Dr. Rocky Killion
Superintendent of Schools
West Lafayette Community School Corporation

Dear Dr. Killion,

Please accept this letter and enclosed resume as my application to fill the vacancy on the West Lafayette Community School Corporation school board.

My husband, Dean, and I have two children that are students in the WLCSC. Our younger son is a 3rd grader at Cumberland Elementary and our older son is a 6th grader at Happy Hollow Elementary. My husband and I have both worked in the field of education and can fully appreciate the strong academic foundation along with the variety of enriching programs and activities WLCSC offers our children. We know that this type of education is only possible with exceptional and responsible leadership from the school board as well as committed parents, teachers, and administrators.

I am very much interested in the possibility of being able to serve our community on the WLCSC school board. I believe the variety of my experiences would allow me to contribute to the school board as well as provide a unique perspective as a parent and educational professional.

I received my bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University in speech-language pathology. During my four years as an undergraduate at Purdue, I was a student-athlete and co-captain on the Purdue Women's Swim Team. These four years as a student-athlete were very significant for me as they taught me a variety of skills that I would use in my future endeavors.

After graduating from Purdue, I worked as a speech-pathologist in the Benton Community School Corporation. Due to the nature and manifestation of speech and language difficulties, I worked with a variety of children with reading challenges, phonological difficulties, learning disabilities, auditory processing challenges, and autism. I collaborated with a team of professionals and parents to create each child's individualized education plan so each child could reach his/her potential.

After our older son was born, I resigned from my position in Benton County and Dean and I made the decision for me to stay home with our son. Since that time, I have worked at various times for the Purdue Speech/Language Department as a clinical supervisor for graduate students who provided speech/language therapy for pre-school children. It was very satisfying to work with highly regarded professionals in the field and to guide speech/language graduate students in

facilitating communication for children and their families. During this time, I also collaborated with professionals from Greater Lafayette Area Special Services regarding many of our students. I acquired a lot of knowledge regarding identification of students with disabilities along with the implementation of special education and how children in our area are served.

As a parent, I have spent a significant amount of time at Cumberland and Happy Hollow Elementaries volunteering for various teachers, committees, and events. Every school and educational community has its own culture. I believe I understand the culture of our schools along with their standards for a high quality education.

All families have the challenge of balancing their schedules and our family is no different. However, Dean and I made the decision for me to not have a permanent work position so I can have more flexibility in helping with the various commitments of our family and to pursue other opportunities. I believe serving on the WLCSC school board is one of these opportunities. I am very much interested in serving our community in this capacity. I feel that the knowledge and skills that I have gained from my past experiences in WLCSC, the field of education, and in our community can make a positive impact for WLCSC.

I value the high standards WLCSC sets for its children, teachers, administrators and would be honored to be a part of their continued success. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing this opportunity further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Fredette". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jean Fredette

JEAN M. FREDETTE

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EDUCATION

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, West Lafayette, Indiana
Master of Science, 1998
Speech-Language Pathology

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, West Lafayette, Indiana
Bachelor of Science, 1996
Major: Audiology and Speech Sciences
Activities/Honors: Purdue Women's Swimming, 1992-1996
Purdue Women's Swimming Co-Captain, 1994-1996

EXPERIENCE

Spring Semester
2014 **PURDUE UNIVERSITY**, West Lafayette, Indiana
Clinical Supervisor
- Supervised speech/language graduate students who provided intervention to children at the Purdue Speech/Language Pre-School. Collaborated with early childhood specialist, graduate students, and Greater Lafayette Area Special Services (GLASS) professionals to provide speech/language intervention.

Summer Sessions
(2004, 2005, 2008
2009, 2010, 2011) **PURDUE UNIVERSITY**, West Lafayette, Indiana
Clinical Supervisor
-Supervised speech/language graduate students who provided intervention to children with specific language impairment during an intensive four week summer program. Goals were addressed during group and individual treatment sessions.

1998-2003 **BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**
Boswell Elementary School, Fowler Elementary School,
Sacred Heart Elementary School
-Provided speech/language therapy to various K-6 elementary schools. Managed a caseload of approximately 80 to 100 students.

SERVICE

2015 **UNIVERSITY PLACE**, West Lafayette, Indiana
Volunteer

2013-2015 **ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH**, Lafayette, Indiana
Religious education teacher- 1st and 2nd grade

2009-2013

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, West Lafayette, Indiana
Purdue University Athletics Department- Athletic Affairs Committee
The Athletic Affairs Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the athletic director, the faculty athletic representatives, and the president. It approves athletic schedules, establishes academic rules for student-athletes, acts on waivers of established rules, monitors missed class days for student-athletes, and recommends and approves study plans for waivers of established rules.

REFERENCES

Work References

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