

Stephen DeVita

From: Christine Coleman
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 8:09 AM
To: Stephen DeVita
Subject: FW: Catoctin District School Board Seat Statement of Interest

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From: LCPS-SUP-CLERK
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Christine Coleman <Christine.Coleman@lcps.org>; Karen Dawson <Karen.Dawson@lcps.org>; Tammy Greene <Tammy.Greene@lcps.org>; Shari Byrne <Shari.Byrne@lcps.org>
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From: John Beatty
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2018 2:07:47 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: LCPS-SUP-CLERK
Subject: Catoctin District School Board Seat Statement of Interest

Good afternoon Christine,

I have included my statement of intent for the open Catoctin District School Board seat. Please let me know if anything needs to be amended or supplemented.

Thank you,

John Beatty

Dear members of the Loudoun County School Board,

I'd like to thank you for taking the time to consider me for the vacancy of the Catoctin District Seat on the School Board. I reside in the Catoctin District at 40316 Featherbed Lane, Lovettsville, VA 20180, and my Virginia voter number is 302713582.

I'm a graduate of Virginia Tech in Computer Science, with minors in Business and Mathematics. I think my qualifications are unique and will guide the direction of the board for the next year as it looks to integrate science and technology into the curriculum. I have a personal interest in LCPS schools, as my oldest son, Paul, is currently a second grade student at Waterford Elementary and my wife, Katie, and I have three future LCPS students in the wings at home, including a son who will enter kindergarten next fall. For their sake, I have a strong interest in LCPS continuing its current excellence and growing even stronger into the future.

I believe that the board can benefit from my training and experience in computer technology. After graduating from Virginia Tech, I've worked at comScore, TaxiMagic, and on my own as an independent developer. My strongest qualification is that I am the IT Director and a Computer Science Teacher at The Heights School in Potomac, Maryland. As an administrator, I understand the challenges and requirements of making parents happy and keeping a school running. As a teacher, I can relate to every teacher's joys and difficulties in the classroom. In the role of IT Director, I make school budget decisions and recommendations and I am responsible for supporting any technology the school needs. I understand the complexities and costs of integrating technology into a curriculum and the trade offs of picking software solutions. I can help the board continue to make these and other technology related decisions. I also teach two programming languages to high school students: Java and Python, and I mentor students in Computer Science related independent study projects. I can help guide the Board as it moves to implement more science, technology, and engineering classes into the curriculum.

My career in technology, from working at startups to education, will help me to provide a unique perspective on changes and improvements to the curriculum. As a parent, I'll see those changes first hand and feel their effects on the students of Loudoun County. I hope you will permit me to work with you over the next year to make Loudoun County Public Schools the best they can be.

Sincerely,

John Beatty