Dear Selection Committee,

I would like to submit my application to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for Foxborough Regional Charter School. This is such an important responsibility that impacts our educational community. I am a tremendous supporter of FRCS.  My two sons who are currently enrolled at the elementary school have deeply benefitted from the academic rigor, character education and diversity that make FRCS the ideal educational environment for them. It has been an honor to partner with some fantastic educators in the school.

I bring to the board 20 years of experience in teaching, higher education administration, programming, and program evaluation. Currently, I am a professor in the criminal justice department at Bridgewater State University (BSU). In this capacity, I also serve as the continuing studies coordinator in criminal justice where I am chairing a committee in developing an online completion program in the department. I have also chaired a number of faculty searches throughout the years. Additionally, I serve to support BSU faculty and librarians through my capacity as the family advocate for faculty and librarians.

While my doctoral degree is in criminal justice, much of my interests also lie in educational policy and diversity/equity concerns. In earning my master’s degree in education (equity and social justice), I was fortunate to be selected as a summer analyst at the Education Trust in Washington, DC to explore the role that the *No Child Left Behind* policies impacted the role of students of color of educational proficiency. This experience prepared me to complete a culminating experience in assessing how this national policy impacted school districts at risk of being placed in state receivership. This academic and professional experience has further provided me with the preparation to advocate for foster care students seeking special education accommodations in New York City.

At the heart of my interest in this position is the opportunity to serve a community that I care deeply about. I have included my curriculum vitae for your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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