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Marblehead Community Charter Public School Board of Trustees

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Dear MCCPS Board,

I am writing to you to express my deep interest in joining the MCCPS Board of Trustees. I am a parent of three amazing daughters, one who is in her second year at Charter as a fifth grader. I am also a middle school teacher. My entire career has been devoted to supporting students and their families in education. I love school and I believe public school has a powerful role in uplifting students and changing the fabric of American society. Public school is where change starts. Our incredible students are our greatest national resource as we move into the future. I often say to students that our schools are superhero factories. After all, we need superheroes to save the planet and fix the mess the grown ups have left. We should be preparing these superheroes with critical thinking skills, problem solving mindsets and collaboration and innovation instincts. These superhero students are already battling climate change, racial injustice, extreme economic disparities, gender inequality and hatred. School is where we all start as we strive to find where we belong and how we can make a difference. I want to join the board to help better serve our students, families and faculty. I want all kids to find their unique superpower and have fun learning so they continue learning new things for the rest of their lives. In short, I want MCCPS to be the best superhero factory around.

My family moved to Marblehead in May 2020 from San Francisco. We love our new community in Old town and our daughter is thriving at Charter. I had the awesome opportunity to volunteer teach in the fifth grade last week and I was blown away by these intelligent, kind students. They, like all children, deserve the very best school and I am committed to giving them that. The Board seems like an excellent opportunity to use my multiple perspectives (parent, teacher and active learner) to help MCCPS be the best. I once had a

dream to start my own charter school but I think learning the ropes from a board seat is more realistic at this stage in my career and family. I am grateful and excited to be considered for the opportunity to serve on the MCCPS board. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration. .

Sincerely,

Lindsay Smith

These are my superheros:

