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Education: Graduated North Harford High School 1998, Graduated Harford Community College 2003 with an Associates in Criminal Justice, currently enrolled with a graduation date of 2011 at Harford Community College for an associates in Political Science.

Years residing in Harford County: 28 years

Children in school system: Sierra(8) Norrisville Elementary-3rd grade, Lauryn(7) Norrisville Elementary- 2nd grade

1. I was prompted to seek election to the school board because as a parent and a member of the community I believe that there needs to be more input by the persons that are affected by the decisions of the board of education. The connection with the community has been lost and the relationship between the students, parents, teachers, board of education members, community members and elected officials drastically needs to be rebuilt. I believe that the children of this county's education is very important and that we need to do all that we can to ensure that they are receiving the best possible education that they can. This means retaining and recruiting the best possible teachers and supporting staff.
2. Some of the examples of my involvement with the public schools in Harford County are; as a graduate of HCPS I received 13 years of education in the system, my children currently attend Norrisville Elementary where I will be the incoming secretary for the 2010-11 school year and I also volunteer for a number of activities in the school.
3. I believe the most important qualification that I possess is being both a parent and a community member that would be affected by any decision made by the board of education. I also possess excellent communication skills which would make me a valuable resource to both the community and the board of education. I am also able to look at a situation objectively and see many sides in order to make an informed decision.
4. Three priority issues that I would advocate for would be; school capacity issues, ensuring that the children of this county are able to receive an appropriate education by reviewing many of the policies currently in place including dress code, and reviewing the curriculum's currently in place to ensure they are properly preparing the students for further education as more students entering college now are requiring remedial classes.
5. Some of the strengths of HCPS are the excellent teachers and support staff that are employed. I would do everything possible to retain and continue to attract the best teachers and support staff to this school system. Some of the weaknesses that HCPS possesses are parts of the current curriculum in place for mathematics. Another weakness that HCPS possesses as a whole is an emphasis on outdoor activities. I believe that it is very important to get the students outdoors in whatever ways possible in order to get fresh air and exercise. Some examples could be outdoor class rooms and more hands on activities that could be performed outdoors. I could not say that I would add or eliminate any programs currently as I would like to have more information on the effectiveness of some of them and many are mandated at different governmental levels.

6. I believe that parental and community involvement could be utilized effectively in many ways. One example could include after school classes and activities that would be volunteer based. A mentoring program would be an excellent way to help students who for whatever reason do not have a role model. The parents and the community could get involved in "sprucing" up the school to raise the sense of pride in that school.

I believe that I would be an excellent candidate for Board of Education as I am not afraid to stand up for what I believe in. I will support my community and I will be available to all that I serve.