

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Nels C. Johnson Date: 30JAN09

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Occupation: Physical Therapist

Seat Applicant is Applying For: Seat B (Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and a registered voter in the Municipality of Anchorage.)

Have you ever been convicted of, admitted committing, or are you awaiting trial for any crime involving moral turpitude? (PTPC Reg. 20 AAC 10.030)

Yes  No If you answered yes, please attach written explanation.

Attachments to this application should include:

- resume
- statement of reasons why the applicant wishes to be a member of the Board
- other information deemed pertinent by applicant

Note: Within 30 days of taking office, the successful applicant will be required to submit a Conflict of Interest form as required by APOC.

Applications should be mailed to: Office of the Superintendent  
Anchorage School District  
5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.  
Anchorage, AK 99504-3135

Or hand-delivered to: 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

Deadline for applications: All applications need to be received in the Superintendent's office by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009.

The School Board will make the appointment during a Special Meeting, convening Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Signature: 

26 January 2009

Office of the Superintendent  
Anchorage School District  
5530 E. Northern Lights Boulevard  
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Members of the Anchorage School Board:

I am writing to offer my services and enthusiasm to fill the current vacancy on the Anchorage school board. My primary intention in seeking this position is to serve my community in an area I am both passionate about and in which I have experience. I believe education is the foundation of society and feel there is no better way to build a better future for our community than through service on the Anchorage school board.

I intend to bring leadership, knowledge, diversity and collaboration to the board. My undergraduate degrees from the University of Minnesota were in education and computer science and it was my didactic skills that brought me to Alaska to work with at-risk youth at Juneau-Douglas High School through AmeriCorps. I also have had the opportunity to educate young people in Australia and New Zealand through the public school system and in Tanzania through rehabilitation hospital work. I found working with children to be a very rewarding career that offered both immediate and long-term remunerations, but I saw many potential improvements that could benefit students, teachers, administrators and the community as a whole that I felt could best be accomplished through leadership, public service and foundation work.

It was my perpetual desire for improvement that drove me to further develop my leadership skills through management positions with The Alaska Club and through the doctorate program in physical therapy at the University of Minnesota. Today, I still consider myself an educator. Instead of working in the public school system, I educate patients recovering from illness or surgery at Providence Alaska Medical Center. As a member of the school board I will continue to be an educator and a student, sharing unique ideas to make our community stronger, collaborating with other board members to arrive at solutions most beneficial for the common good and listening to a diversity of opinions to come to an understanding of community needs and desires.

I have declared my candidacy for seat B in the general election with intentions of obtaining this position following the election and feel it would be most beneficial to the community to begin my service immediately. I look forward to discussing with you in greater detail how my skills could benefit the Anchorage school board and our community in general. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me via email at nelsjohnson@hotmail.com or via my mobile phone number 612.360.3685.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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- EDUCATION:** Doctorate of Physical Therapy (2008), University of Minnesota.  
**Research Affiliation**  
Dr. Paula Ludewig, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
- B.A.S. Teaching Physical Education (2000), University of Minnesota.  
B.S. Computer Science (2000), University of Minnesota.
- CERTIFICATIONS:** *Physical Therapist*, license #2001, State of Alaska.  
*Healthcare Provider CPR/AED*, American Heart Association.
- EXPERIENCE:** **Physical Therapist**  
Providence Alaska Medical Center, Anchorage, AK July 2008-present.
- Served on the Generations Project committee for capital improvements.
  - Participated with "Roadmap to Healthcare Careers" for local high school students.
  - Collaborated with colleagues to develop departmental protocols and patient educational materials.
  - Presented a staff in-service on health disparities in eastern Africa.
- Physical Therapy Student Practitioner**  
CCBRT, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania March-June 2008.  
Chugach Physical Therapy, Anchorage, AK January-March 2008.  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Rehabilitation, Nevada, IA October-December 2007.  
Mary Greeley Medical Center, Ames, IA August-October 2007.
- Provided physical therapy services to culturally diverse populations in both hospitals and outpatient environments.
  - Presented a staff in-service on continuous femoral nerve block after total knee arthroplasty procedure.
- Assistant Manager/Front Desk Manager**  
The Alaska Club, Anchorage, AK December 2004-May 2005.  
The Alaska Club, Juneau, AK August 2003-November 2004.
- Interviewed, hired, supervised and trained service center staff.
  - Prepared work schedules, oversaw staff certifications and reconciled time sheets.
  - Budgeted funds and ordered merchandise for the club pro shop.
  - Updated and established policies and procedures for the club operations manual.
- HONORS:** **2007 Beatrice E. and Hurd Boddy Scholar**, University of Minnesota.  
**2007 Walter H. Judd Fellow**, University of Minnesota.
- SERVICE:** **Student Representative**, University of Minnesota Program in Physical Therapy  
Biomechanics Faculty Search Committee, March 2006-August 2007.  
**Program in Physical Therapy Student Representative**, University of Minnesota Public  
Engagement Day, April 2007.  
**AmeriCorps Service Member**, Southeast Alaska Guidance Association, May 2002-  
August 2003.
- PROFESSIONAL:** Professional Member, American Physical Therapy Association, August 2005-present.
- REFERENCES:** Available upon request.