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Objective

To obtain a seat on the Anchorage School Board in order to improve the public education system and help to ensure that all students, regardless of ethnicity or economic background, receive equally qualified educational opportunities.

Education

2000-2004 University of Alaska Anchorage. BA: Psychology. Minor: Communication. GPA 3.57

2004-2005 University of Alaska Anchorage College of Education (Teacher Certificate Program). GPA 3.58

Awards

2000-2005 University of Alaska Athletic Scholarship (Cross Country Running and Track and Field)

2000-2005 Dean's List University of Alaska Anchorage

2002-2004 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Academic All Conference

2003-2004 Team Captain Cross Country and Track and Field

2000-2004 Member of SAAC (Student Athletic Advisory Committee), Secretary 2003-2004

2006-2007 Employee of the Year Outback Steakhouse

Positions Held

October 2007-Present

Owner/Founder: **Midnight Sun Café**

Oversee daily operations, train and hire staff, payroll, develop menu, cost analysis, inventory, marketing, customer service, maintain certificates and licenses.

September 2005-Present

Substitute Teacher: **Anchorage School District**

Substitute for all grades, most experience in elementary schools.

May 2007-October 2007

Housing First Case Manager Specialist: **Rural CAP**

Recruit adult homeless persons (dually diagnosed with chronic alcoholism and mental illness) living in homeless camps and attempt to move them directly into independent housing. Outreach, intake, grant reporting, data input, follow up, community awareness, funding applications, client relations.

December 2003-June 2007

Server, Employee Trainer, Administration, Hourly Manager: **Outback Steakhouse**

Customer service, create training materials, data input, supervise staff, collaborate with management team.

Community Involvement:

Volunteer at Northwood Elementary 21st Century Program 2005, Practicum: Kincaid Elementary and Muldoon Elementary 2005, Member of the Anchorage Downtown Partnership 2007-Present, Volunteered at Project Homeless Connect Summer 2007, Volunteer at Stand Down 2007, Four A's Donor 2008, Freeze Project Donor 2008, personal math tutor 2006, AVAIL School/ Business Partnership 2008, Elementary tutor 2008-current, active in local home church.

References

Mary Francis Barns, Alaska Federal Probation Officer 907-345-6710

Robert Fritz, Northstar Properties Owner 907-563-7007

Michael Friess, University of Alaska Anchorage Head Track and Cross Country Running Coach, 907-786-1325

January 26, 2009

Office of the Superintendent
Anchorage School District
5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99504-3135

Dear Anchorage School Board;

I have lived in Anchorage for the past eight years and have grown to love this city and community. I came to Anchorage to attend the University of Alaska on an athletic scholarship in 2000. My experience at UAA was very positive and fulfilling. While at the University I completed one year at the College of Education. This was a valuable experience because I discovered that even though children were my passion, full time teaching was not. Since obtaining my degree I have worked in several different occupations, most relevant as a substitute teacher for the Anchorage School District. Currently my husband and I are the owners and founders of the Midnight Sun Café, a small business in downtown Anchorage.

In the course of my experience at the College of Education and substitute teaching throughout the Anchorage School District, I have discovered some of the problems facing our students. Families within our district confront many challenges and the pressures on our schools are increasing. For too long our children have been falling behind and now the schools are left playing catch-up. There needs to be more emphasis on early education and providing additional support to those beginning elementary grades where the foundations for math, reading and writing are developed. In addition to triage, we need to start implementing preventative systems so that these problems don't continue to perpetuate themselves. I sympathize with the teachers who are trying to find a balance between managing a classroom with behavior issues and multilevel learners, while trying to teach curriculum and values. Dropout rates are alarming, test performance is unsatisfactory, and although our district is capable of providing excellent education and producing lifelong learners, we are failing our students.

The biggest problem I witnessed was that the schools within the district were not equal in their educational opportunities. Most notably the difference I saw was not in the classroom materials or the building itself, but in the environmental atmosphere within the schools. Sometimes these differences were like night and day and it is no wonder with an atmosphere so full of failure and negativity that our students aren't succeeding. Our students deserve to enter their schools and be empowered in the knowledge that no matter their background, they can expect to receive a first class education. Our students deserve to learn in an atmosphere that is fair and free of prejudice. They should find confidence in that fact that their teachers, staff, and community are behind them. Our schools should be the one place our children can go to feel confident about themselves and their abilities. School should be a place where students learn that they are the authors of their future. I am a product of this type of education system/philosophy. I can relate to those students attending Title I schools. As a small child I knew that even if I did get accepted into a college or university, my family would have never been able to afford it. I am the product of an education system that taught me to believe in myself and that no matter what my economic and social status was that I could be who and what I wanted to be. That the sky is the limit and that even a girl like me can achieve greatness.

In conclusion, I believe I would be a positive addition to the Anchorage School Board. I can recognize some of the problems in our schools, but can also see a light at the end of the tunnel. I would embrace the challenge of finding solutions and collaborating with a qualified team to impart vision and create change. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Williams

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Lindsay Williams Date: 1/26/2009

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Occupation: Small Business Owner and Substitute for the Anchorage School District

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: *Lindsay Williams*