Central Bucks School District Board of School Directors Candidate: Region IX

Candidate Name: ANDREW MILLER

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1. Why have you submitted your name for consideration and why do you feel you are the best candidate for this position?

Being a father of three incredible children (Avery 8, Lucas 6, Ryan 4) I have learned more about myself than ever before. They have unconsciously and undoubtedly taught me MANY, but specifically three important character traits that I work to improve daily and will carry with me forever. In no particular order they are patience, perseverance, and compromise. Categories that I previously struggled in; I have since learned to gradually master with some guidance from the kids. At arguably the most crucial times in Public School Education's history, I have witnessed these ever so important characteristics of any decision maker fall apart at the seams. I am not here to save the day, but I feel as though I can satisfy that which has sadly gone astray in the recent months. See, I'm no historian, I don't come here with a political angle, nor a superior education background, nary a law degree; I come here as a concerned Dad and as a friend of this amazing community and school district. I don't know if I'm the best, but what I can tell you is that I'm an even-tempered guy with sound judgment and a willingness to collaborate. I will focus on what's best for all students of this community. I do know that I can serve this board and advocate for the children of this community fairly, respectfully, thoughtfully and with pride.

2. Please tell us a little about your involvement in the community and our schools, and how you feel that experience translates to being an effective school board member.

I have always been a consistent participant in activities that support and improve upon children's social well-being from my early days at Summer Camp to most recently as an involved parent in my children's Elementary and Pre-School. My career in law-enforcement has paved the way for my community involvement by showing me the importance of getting involved when kids are most impressionable. I have done multiple book readings and career days at Warwick Elementary School and St. Andrews Pre-School as well as some of the neighborhood schools where I'm employed. I'm very active and committed in all my children's activities and I'm usually the first to offer up my time to volunteer in any way possible when time allows. I'm a natural leader by example and I love involving everyone in neighborhood and/or community activities. I continuously arrange or adjust my work schedule to assure my participation as often as possible. I feel as though between my character and my vision previously mentioned as well as my continued efforts to become increasingly involved in the school district and community, that I would make a great candidate and very effective member of the school board for the Region 9 interim seat.

3. Are you able to commit to the time required for being a school board member? Typically, there are two Board meetings per month, four Committee meetings per month, and Executive Sessions are called as needed, usually two – four times per month. Additionally, emergency/special meetings are called as needed, and the Board meets as a group in retreat sessions one-two times per year.

In short, yes. I do have a very demanding work schedule along with after school activities; however, my employer encourages community involvement and excuses me from work for board meetings and related community events.

Thank you kindly for your consideration and I look forward to help make Central Bucks School District even better!