

## Statement of Interest in Appointment to the Durham Public Schools Board of Education Consolidated District B Vacancy

In order to serve on the Board, a candidate must reside in school board consolidated district B, not be a convicted felon unless restored to the rights of citizenship, be a registered voter, be at least 21 years of age, and not be an employee of Durham Public Schools.

Additionally, all candidates should be prepared to fulfill responsibilities including participating in work sessions, monthly meetings, hearings, called meetings, school visits and regular communications with constituents.

Name: Telisha L. Joyner

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I hereby declare my interest in filling the vacant Consolidated District B seat on the Durham Public Schools Board of Education through June 30, 2022. I have read the DPS Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for School Board Members (1106) and agree that if I am appointed to the vacant seat I will comply with the code and with all other policies governing the conduct of board members.

I certify that I reside within the boundaries of Consolidated District B and that I am eligible to vote in elections for the Consolidated District B seat on the Durham Public Schools Board of Education.

Telisha Joyner July 24, 2020  
SIGNATURE DATE

*The completed form must be delivered to Nicole Smith, School Board Executive Assistant, by 5 p.m. on August 12, 2020. The form may be delivered to Ms. Smith by electronic mail at [Nicole.Smith@dpsnc.net](mailto:Nicole.Smith@dpsnc.net) or by letter carrier at Durham Public Schools, 511 Cleveland Street, Durham, NC, 27702.*

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1. Why do you want to serve on the School Board?

**I have a strong desire to become more active in the community, and to set an example for my daughter regarding the importance of helping to make the community we live, learn and work a better place. Joining the DPS School Board is a way for me to make an impact that's immediately relevant to the community my daughter and I are members of. My daughter is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Creekside Elementary School. I feel, as a single, working mom with limited time and resources, that there is no better way to do so than to become a member of the board impacting the school system my daughter attends.**

2. What experience do you have in the community, especially with public education?

**From the time I was a teen living in rural eastern NC, I've always recognized the importance of serving the community in which I live. As a college student at UNC-Chapel Hill and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and other campus organizations, I continued to volunteer in the community in which I lived – at that time on campus in Chapel Hill, but those efforts often extended to volunteering at local public elementary and high schools, community outreach programs, food banks, shelters, assisted living communities and other projects that assisted the youth. After college, I joined Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle and served as a mentor until I moved away from the area. Even when I relocated to Connecticut and then later to Maryland, I continued my community outreach via my sorority and programs to support the community that were sponsored through my employer. Upon moving back to Durham last summer, I immediately became a donor and supporter of The Boys & Girls Club of Durham and Orange Counties which, in my opinion, is an extension of public education as far as supporting the local youth.**

3. The Board of Education has two regularly scheduled meetings per month – 1 work session and 1 main Board meeting, as well as additional meetings as necessary to fulfil the responsibilities of the Board. Meetings can occur during the day and the evenings. Please share how you will be able to fulfill the time commitment as a Board member.

**I work from home Monday through Friday and have the flexibility to schedule my work around meetings and other important commitments. My employer, Blue Cross NC, encourages volunteerism and community participation. So that should be no problem. I'm flexible and available on the weekends as well - once I make a commitment, I stick with it. I look forward to attending board meetings. In addition, I welcome the opportunity to network with other community members and parents by participating in work sessions, as needed.**

July 24, 2020

To the DPS Board of Education,

I am writing to urge the Durham Public Schools Board of Education to appoint Telisha Joyner for the vacant Board of Education seat for Consolidated District B

Telisha is a thoughtful, insightful, considerate, fair and straight forward citizen, not to mention a caring parent to a child within the Durham County School System. I think Telisha Joyner will make a wonderful contribution and continued service to the DPS Board of Education. Telisha has demonstrated her service and commitment to education and civic participation in Durham in the past and would be a great person to stand in service of the students and parents in the Durham community, going forward.

I know Telisha as a leader and as a long-time active volunteer in the community. I recommend her to fill the Board's current vacancy.

Sincerely,

*Dwan Richmond*

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July 24, 2020

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I am writing to urge the Durham Public Schools Board of Education to appoint Telisha Joyner to fill the vacant Board of Education seat for Consolidated District B.

I know Telisha as a strong leader, dedicated worker and as a long-time community volunteer. She has an interested in impacting education on a local level, and to that end, I recommend her to fill the Board's current vacancy.

Sincerely,

*Nigel Brown*

Nigel Brown (Durham resident, NCCU alum)