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Sean Reardon
Newburyport School Committee Chair
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Dear Mayor Sean Reardon:

I am submitting a letter of interest for the School Committee position recently vacated by Sheila Spalding.

I come with a variety of perspectives.

Community: I have lived and owned a home in Newburyport since 1973. I have witnessed its amazing transition from boarded-up windows and painted brick buildings to today's beautiful renovated community. Recently, as a member of Newburyport's Human Rights Commission, I coordinated with all the city schools in the Peace Prize Program honoring Newburyport students' and teachers' acts of kindness and inclusion.

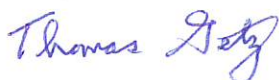
School system: My children, Kate and Matt, both graduated from Newburyport High School, as well as, from George Washington University and Wesleyan University. Also, I served on Michael Parent's High School Principal's Advisory Committee.

Education Experience: I was a classroom teacher in Maryland and Massachusetts for a total of 33 years, including major subjects in grades 5 - 9. My 5 years of administrative experience included Principal of 2 elementary schools and Resource Coordinator for Mathematics and Science (K - 5). In addition, I was a founding member of River Valley Charter School (Montessori K - 8), served on the Board of Trustees for 6 years, and chaired its Accountability Committee.

I do not come with an agenda. My goal is to utilize my extensive experience to bring insight and perspective to the issues before the School Committee.

Thanks for your consideration. My resume is enclosed.

Regards,



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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2016 - 2022 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- Newburyport, MA
- Coordinated city schools in the Peace Prize Program honoring Newburyport students' and teachers' acts of kindness and inclusion
- 2010 - Present SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Newburyport, Pine Grove, River Valley Charter, Salisbury Elementary, Brookwood, Pike, Shore Country Day, and Tower Schools
- 2012 - 2013 HILL VIEW MONTESSORI CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL -- Haverhill, MA
Upper Elementary (4-6) Lead Teacher
- Received training in upper elementary Montessori teacher program
 - Encouraged parent involvement through regular communication, conferences, and student exhibitions
- 2009 - 2010 RIVER VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL – Newburyport, MA
Upper Elementary (4-6) Assistant Teacher
- Organized Montessori math curriculum for 5th and 6th year students
 - Developed cooperation and fostered self-confidence in multi-age classroom
- 1997 - 2009 Co-founder and Member of Board of Trustees
- As co-founder, co-wrote charter application for public Montessori school
 - Hired initial and subsequent Head of School and top level staff
 - Chaired Accountability Committee
- 1991 - 2009 MARBLEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Marblehead, MA
Grade Five Teacher
- Adapted Everyday Math program for academically weak and strong students
- 1989 - 1991 Principal of Glover (K-5) and Eveleth (K-2) Schools
- Created successful 2/3 combination class and two all-day kindergarten classes
- 1986 - 1989 Resource Coordinator for Mathematics and Science (K-5)
- Designed and staffed central resource room for timely delivery of mathematics and science materials to five elementary schools
- 1983 - 1986 DORMAN BOGDONOFF CORPORATION - Andover, MA
Inside Sales and Customer Service Manager
- 1969 - 1983 MARBLEHEAD, MA and PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD
Instructor of Mathematics (6-7) and English (7-9)
- 1967 - 1969 MILITARY: Army Security Agency - Arlington, Va
Communications Staff Officer
- 1962 - 1967 UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
B.Ed. -- English / Physical Science
M.A. -- English