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To the members of the Newburyport School Committee and City Council,

My name is Greg Kulowiec, and I am writing to express my desire to be considered for the vacant seat on the Newburyport School Committee. As the technology director for Triton Public Schools, as well as an independently-employed Educational Technology consultant and former high school social studies teacher, I can offer years of experience and perspective to the School Committee. I am passionate about education, my perspective is regarded highly as a consultant, and I am well versed in business, as well.

When our family moved to Newburyport in 2017, I knew right away that I wanted to contribute to the learning environment that my kindergartener and preschooler would experience in the Newburyport Public Schools. Fast forward four years, they are students at the Molin and Bresnahan, and with the current vacancy, this is an ideal time to act on my interest in being involved in the town as a member of the School Committee.

Before we lived in Newburyport, we lived in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where I was a high school history teacher at Plymouth South High School. I spent eight years teaching, and was a pioneer teaching in a 1:1 iPad environment, around 2011. I presented on teaching in a 1:1 environment throughout that year, and had gained a following as a leader in the field. In 2012 I was approached by a company to join them and become an educational technology consultant. I spent nine years providing guidance, training, and professional development for districts across the country. My work in this field ranged from specific technical training on devices (Chromebooks, iPads), platforms (Google, Schoology, Canvas), to creativity and the meaningful redesign of classroom experiences with technology. My feedback was consistently that I offered some of the most meaningful and beneficial professional development that participants had ever received, which I attribute to my approach incorporating patience, listening to where they are, and adjusting my presentations to align with their needs. While I love consulting, I also missed being a part of a school community. When I was approached by Triton Regional Schools to apply for their open Director of Technology position, I jumped at the chance. This new role has allowed me to reconnect within an education community again, redesign the vision and purpose of the tech department, and grow and develop meaningful relationships, locally.

I am excited about the possibility of filling Mayor Reardon's seat on the School Committee and the potential to positively impact the learning experience for not only my children, but the entire student body and learning community in Newburyport. My varied experience as a classroom teacher, educational consultant, and Director of Technology provide me with a unique insight and understanding of the opportunity to help guide Newburyport Public Schools towards an exciting future.

Truly knowing, understanding, and listening to my audience, whether students, teachers, or the team at Triton, is of paramount importance to me, and it is that approach that I will bring to the School Committee in an effort to bring meaningful support and growth.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Experience

Triton Regional School District - Director of Technology

July, 2021 - Present

- Manage and facilitate 1:1 Chromebook deployment and program across the district
- Develop and facilitate professional learning around high quality teaching and learning in a 1:1 environment

Mote - Education Advocate

April - Nov, 2021

- Design learning materials for classroom implementation of Mote

EdTechTeacher - Lead Experience Designer & Instructor

2012 - 2021

- Provide schools, districts, and educational organizations a range of consulting and professional development services aimed at transforming teaching and learning with technology.
- Areas of expertise include: Design Thinking, Augmented & Virtual Reality, Personalized Learning, Deeper Learning, Project Based Learning, MakerSpaces, 1:1 Classrooms (iPad, Chromebook, MacBook), Remote Instruction, Online Teaching & Learning.

Speaking Engagements

2008 - Present

- Speaker at regional and national educational technology conferences including MassCUE, MASCD, FETC, ISTE (2016, 2020), Google's Global Education Summit (CA), NCSS (Washington, DC | Seattle, WA)

Social Studies Teacher, Plymouth South High School

2004- 2012

- Courses: World Studies, U.S. History, Sports in American Society
- Facilitated Pilot 1:1 iPad Classroom (2011)
- Conducted Formal and Informal Technology Training for Staff

Technology Integration Specialist, Plymouth South High School

2011-2012

- Conducted Formal and Informal Technology Training for Staff
- Co-taught classes to design and implement embedded technology infused projects

Alternative High School Teacher, Plymouth Public Schools

2010-2012

- Designed Technology Integration Course for the Alternative School Program
- Video Editing & Production
- Audio Editing & Production
- Website Design

Education

Saint Anselm College: Manchester, NH

1996 - 2000

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Additional Related Experience

Plymouth Public Schools - Boys Varsity Basketball Coach

2006 - 2010

Google Certified Trainer

2015- Present

- Certified by Google for Education to provide high quality professional learning services related to Google Workspace for Education.

Adobe Master Teacher Project

2020 Cohort

- Lesson Plan Development - Adobe Suite of Tools