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To the members of the Newburyport School Committee and City Council

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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 Director of Technology for Triton Regional School District, a former high school history teacher, and parent of two Newburyport Public Schools students, I believe I have the required experience and a valuable perspective I can bring to the School Committee. I am passionate about education, bring a wealth of varied education experience and hope to positively impact the Newburyport School Committee and public schools with this opportunity.

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 five 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 moving to 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 gained a following as a leader in the field. In 2012 I was approached by an education consulting 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 of incorporating patience, listening to educators and adjusting based on the needs of educators. 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 opportunity. 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 the vacant seat on the School Committee for the year remaining for the position. The perspective and intention for my potential involvement is 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 District Technology Plan & Systems
- Department Budget Development
- Developed Sustainable 1:1 Chromebook Initiative

Adobe - Education **February, 2021 - Present**

- Lead & Facilitate Adobe Creative Educator Events / Workshops
- Keynote Speaker Adobe Education Events

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**
- 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)

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

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- 2021**

- Certified by Google for Education to provide high quality professional learning

Adobe Master Teacher Project **2020 Cohort**

- Lesson Plan Development - Adobe Suite of Tools