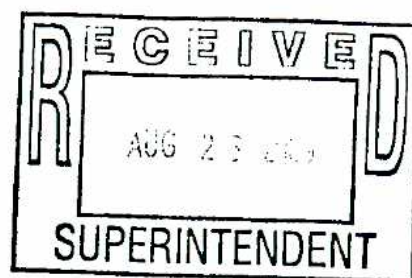


2316 Oxford Road  
Raleigh, NC 27608

August 26, 2009

Wake County Board of Education  
3600 Wake Forest Road  
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Dear Board Members:

My name is Stacy Arch and I would like to represent District 6 on the Wake County School Board. I am the mother of 4 children, 3 of whom attend Joyner Elementary School. I am also an educator and have taught elementary school, high school, college students, and adults. I am the proud product of NC public schools, I have taught in public schools, and I am a firm believer in the power of our public school system.

My interest in education started when I became a Peace Corps Volunteer in Poland and was trained to teach English as a second language. For two years, I taught high school classes to students who previously were only given the choice of learning the Russian language. I prepared creative lesson plans, monitored exams, worked with Polish teachers on curriculum, and designed extracurricular activities for my students. Living and working in a foreign country, I became acutely aware of how fortunate we are to live in the United States and have the choice of a free education.

When I returned to the US, I became a Peace Corps Fellow at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Fellows Program matches returned Peace Corps volunteers with underserved communities where they work and train while completing advanced degrees in a variety of subject areas. While completing my Master's degree in Education, I worked as a first grade teacher at Clark Elementary in Detroit Public Schools. I have a strong interest in urban education and critical and creative thinking. My third year at Clark, I started a chess team with kids from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. In our first year, we won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the DPS district championship and far exceeded anyone's expectations!

My husband and I moved to Stuart, Florida, in the summer of 1998. I worked as a kindergarten teacher for one year at Pinewood Elementary in the Martin County School District. Then, I had my first child and chose to become a homemaker but remained active in the community through volunteer efforts, including a tutoring program to non-English speaking children at Warfield Elementary School.

Since moving to Raleigh in the spring of 2005, I have continued my interest in education through volunteering in my children's classrooms and with the Joyner PTA. I have also been active in the Junior League of Raleigh and in the children's ministry at Christ Church. I look forward to helping the Wake County Board of Education reach its goal of 100 percent on-time graduating students by 2014 either as a Board member or through volunteering in our schools.

To accomplish the Board's goal of having a one hundred percent graduation rate by 2014, we must challenge our entire community to expect great things, not only from our students, but also from our teachers, administrators, parents, volunteers, and community members. We must set high standards and teach to the top. Our successful administrators and teachers should be recognized for their efforts with incentives and awards. Good schools are created through the effective leadership of principals, which trickles down through its teachers, staff, students, and parents. Our schools should be creative, open learning environments where students are expected to be responsible and think for themselves. We should be proud of where our kids go to school and thank the teachers and staff members who are doing a great job at creating positive, challenging, and engaging environments.

Communication should be clear, concise, and consistent. To be honest, I did not know the Wake County Public School System and Board had such a specific goal until Beverly Clark resigned and I decided to apply for her vacant seat. I'm an active parent with my local school and PTA but feel disconnected to the school board and its decision-making process. Advisory councils should be utilized and held accountable for meeting dates and times with the board discussing issues from the council and the schools and PTAs discussing topics from the board. Open communication lines and clear expectations draw everyone into the game plan and working from the same page. We need to make sure everyone understands and takes ownership of the goal if we are to implement and accomplish it.

Schools should be given opportunities to specialize and share. Schools could be paired to mentor each other and have "exchange principals and teachers" for a set amount of time to model successful leadership in target areas. By creating these supportive "exchange" environments, students will be exposed to various leadership styles and teaching methods and learn to problem solve in new ways. Administrators, teachers, and students could all be motivated with new ideas and experiences enriching their environments and producing students to compete and work in a global society.

Thank you for your consideration,



Stacy A. Arch

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**Objective: To obtain vacant District 6 Wake County Board of Education position**

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<b>Education</b>	BA, English BA, Political Science <i>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</i>	1991
	MA, Education <i>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</i>	1996
<b>Teaching Experience</b>	Peace Corps Volunteer, Poland	1992-
	High school teacher, English as a second language	1994
	Teacher Trainer, Peace Corps Fellows <i>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</i>	Summer 1997
	Detroit Public Schools, Michigan Kindergarten teacher – one year First grade teacher – 3 years	1994- 1998
	Martin County Public Schools, Florida Kindergarten teacher – one year	1998- 1999
	<b>Volunteer &amp; Board Experience</b>	
	Junior League Member	1999 – <i>present</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eye and Ear Alert Committee – screened eyes and ears of 4 year olds in preschools across Palm Beach County, Florida, to prepare children for kindergarten</li> <li>• Arrangements Chair – arranged and coordinated 9 general membership meetings for 70 plus members</li> <li>• Children’s Museum Chair – garnered community support to build a local children’s museum through participation in area festivals, art shows, and fundraisers</li> <li>• Administrative Vice-President – Board position, led and trained all members of the communication teams of the Junior League of Martin County through its monthly newsletter, website, and public relations</li> </ul>	

- **Pineapple Ball Chair – planned, organized, and implemented main fundraiser for the Junior League of Martin County**
- **Girls On The Run Assistant Coach**
- **Bright Ideas Committee - researched better ways to engage older generations of membership**
- **Community Connect Chair – planned and implemented trainings for Wake County non-profits in the areas of board development, strategic planning, age diversity, fund development, and public relations.**
- **Inaugural Ball Assistant – helped chairs plan, organize, and implement the 2010 Governor’s Ball for Beverly Perdue**
- **Community Vice President – Board position, oversee all community aspects of the Junior League of Raleigh**

**J Y Joyner Elementary School PTA, Raleigh, NC**

- **Room parent and volunteer**
- **Membership Vice-President**
- **Mini-Grants Committee Chair**

*2006-  
present*

**Martin County Arts Council Board Member, Stuart, Florida**

*2002-  
2004*

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August 19, 2009

Dear Members of the Wake County Board of Education:

I am writing in order to recommend Stacy Arch for the District 6 vacancy on the Wake County Board of Education. Stacy and I have known one another since 1992, when we served as Peace Corps volunteers in Poland working as Teachers of English in Polish high schools. Peace Corps service is a life defining experience requiring a huge commitment both professionally and personally. Stacy completely understood the Peace Corps credo that one is assigned not only to a job, but also to a community. She was an activist who focused beyond her school, helping all those whom she could.

Stacy is a well-rounded thinker who is able to see the big picture. Whether she was discussing how Poland fits into a post cold war Europe, or how she could best teach English to her students, she has always been reflective. More importantly, Stacy has the ability to listen, grow and change her thinking and /or actions to reach a goal. She has a strong work ethic and is always willing to offer assistance to get the job done. She is one of those special individuals who brings to any task she faces a unique combination of competence, clarity, and compassion.

Stacy also has the uncanny ability to understand how important small things can be, while still being able to see the big picture. I can remember her planning events for her school with unmatched detail, while at the same time understanding the larger vision of not only what was being planned, but also the goal of why. Her students not only learned English, but also how to work as a team and help each other grow.

Stacy and I met when we were both beginning our careers in education. I currently work as the Director of Instructional Services for Montrose and Olathe Schools in Montrose, Colorado. My past experiences and current work with schools, and school boards have highlighted the importance of communicating effectively. Stacy has an excellent background of experiences to draw from as a volunteer and ambassador for our country, educator, mother, and mentor, to communicate effectively and produce results. She also has the ability to discuss and wrestle with difficult and complex problems while maintaining a focus on the bigger picture: how to best serve students and make a difference.

I strongly recommend Stacy Arch for the vacant position on your school board. Her skills offer the understanding and knowledge to advocate for today's students now and into the future. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you desire to discuss my recommendation further, (970) 252-7905.

Respectfully,



Kirk Henwood  
Director of Instructional Services

109 Bethabara Lane  
Cary, North Carolina 27513

August 21, 2009

District 6 Board of Education Vacancy  
Wake County Board of Education  
3600 Wake Forest Road  
Raleigh, NC 27609

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support of Stacy Arch's candidacy in filling the vacated District 6 position on the Wake County Board of Education.

I know Stacy from our work together with the Junior League of Raleigh. I currently serve on the Board of the Association of Junior Leagues International, which supports 160,000 women involved in 292 leagues in four countries. I served as president of the 1,700-member Junior League of Raleigh during the 2007-2008 year, and chose Stacy as chair of the Community Connect team, which provides free organizational training for nonprofits across the county. Our theme that year was based on a book by former Bennett College President Johnnetta B. Cole, "Dream the Boldest Dreams." Stacy received one of the books, and I watched as she dreamed bold dreams with a minimal budget, reaching out to nonprofit leaders, arranging programs around their busy schedules, then designing high-quality training that many of the organizations would not have been able to afford, otherwise.

Stacy was so successful in her placement as Community Connect Chair that she was selected as Community Vice President, managing the Junior League of Raleigh's largest group of committee chairs whose teams provide a host of outreach services throughout Wake County. This group makes up the heart of the organization whose focus is "Promising Youth", because these are the people who work one-on-one with children and nonprofit leaders for organizations such as SAFEchild, StepUp Ministry, Kids on the Block educational puppet program; Girls on the Run, Boys and Girls Club, Helping Horse and Heritage Park after school tutorial and enrichment program. Her teams are made up of people who supplement daytime education with afternoon and night-time support, giving children a greater opportunity to demonstrate high academic growth. Most of these programs provide rewards for children who show improvement. As Community Vice President, Stacy actively leads and participates with all these teams, personally working to help young people stretch their potential.


It is quite fitting that she now has an opportunity to expand her reach as a member of the Wake County Board of Education.

Stacy will be an asset to the Board, because she already knows how to step back and think about the interests of everyone involved. She will think about the perspectives of the parents, the teachers, the community and – most of all – the children. As a mother and former teacher, she is committed to helping children graduate on time, prepared to compete globally. She's patient and she's a good listener. As Community Vice President for the Junior League of Raleigh, she not only serves children's organizations across the county, but she also serves as a member of the Board of one of the area's foremost leadership training organizations, making tough decisions in hard economic times. Stacy's transition to the Wake County Board of Education, therefore, would be a smooth one with little time needed for training in Board responsibilities.

Stacy Arch is a great fit for this position, and I highly support her.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need more information at 919-469-5064 at home or at 919-218-6947 on my cell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda B. Douglas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Linda Brown Douglas, Director  
Community Relations, University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill

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August 25, 2009

Wake County Board of Education  
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Re: Stacy Andrew Arch  
Wake County Board of Education Applicant

Dear Wake County Board of Education:

I was thrilled to learn that Stacy Arch is applying for the Wake County Board of Education ("School Board") seat for District 6 being vacated by Beverley Clark, and I enthusiastically recommend Stacy for this position.

Stacy and I first met as fellow students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. When Stacy and her family moved to Raleigh, we reconnected as neighbors, mothers, and church parishioners. Beyond our friendship, I have had the opportunity to work with Stacy in various capacities and believe her to be an ideal candidate for the School Board.

Stacy's impressive teaching background combined with her perspectives as a mother of students currently enrolled in Wake County Public Schools will make her a great addition to the School Board. Stacy is committed to a goal of academic excellence for all Wake County students and understands the roles of administration, teachers, and parents in achieving this goal. Stacy is an excellent communicator and will be an accessible and open-minded liaison between the School Board and all of these groups.

During the 2008-09 academic year, I served as Co-president of the PTA at Joyner Elementary School. Stacy, who took on two PTA Board positions, made my job much easier. First, Stacy served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president in charge of PTA membership. Under her leadership and inspiration regarding the importance and benefits of PTA involvement, Joyner's PTA membership increased approximately twenty-five percent from the previous year.

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Stacy's second PTA position was Chair of Mini-Grants. Through this program, the PTA budgets funds to be awarded to teachers and other staff members who make grant applications for educational materials that are not otherwise available to them. This was a difficult position, because unfortunately the budgeted amount was far less than the total amount requested. Stacy and her committee took extensive time to carefully consider each and every grant application and determine which requests met a defined set of program goals and would most benefit Joyner's student body. This experience is certainly similar to larger scale budget decisions faced by School Board members.

Outside of the school system, Stacy is extremely active in the Wake County community in other educational capacities. She serves as Community Vice President of the Junior League of Raleigh. Stacy and her husband, Joe, frequently teach Sunday School at Christ Episcopal Church, and she is a member of the church's Children's Ministry Committee. Stacy has a love of children and helping them learn and grow that will carry over in her duties as a School Board member.

As a parent of children in Wake County Public Schools and a resident of District 6, I urge you to consider Stacy Arch to join your School Board and serve our community. You will love working with her! If I can provide further insight or information, please contact me.

Yours very truly,



Kathryn Koonce