



**Rio Magisterial District
School Board Member Application**

*Applications must be received in the office no later than 5 p.m., on
Friday, October 13, 2023*

Name _____

Home Address _____

**You must be registered to vote in the Rio Magisterial District. You can determine this by checking
your voter card or by calling the Voter Registration Office at 434-972-4173.*

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Do you currently have children/grandchildren in ACPS? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, have you had children/grandchildren in ACPS? _____ Yes _____ No

How long have you resided in Albemarle County? _____

Have you ever been appointed to an Albemarle County School Board/Albemarle County
Public Schools Committee/Council?

If so, please explain your previous committee/council work.

Please indicate why you are interested in serving on the School Board.

Please indicate where appropriate, areas of your experience and knowledge:

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| _____ School Construction | _____ Research |
| _____ General Construction | _____ Education/Curriculum |
| _____ Engineering | _____ Databases |
| _____ Architectural Expertise | _____ Budget Analysis |
| _____ County Planning | _____ Nonprofit and Human Services |
| _____ Land Development | _____ Public Administration |
| _____ Statistics/Demographics | _____ Federal Government/Military |
| _____ Finance | _____ Other |
| _____ County Government | |

Please further explain your experience(s) as indicated in the list above, including any leadership skills, education and experiences.

Indicate if you are attaching additional information pertinent to this application.

☐ Attachments are provided

☐ No attachments were necessary

Signature _____ Date _____

Be advised that upon submission, this application and supporting documents becomes a public document and may be published by Albemarle County Public Schools.

Return application to:

Christine Thompson, Clerk
Albemarle County School Board
401 McIntire Road, Room 345
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Phone: 434-972-4055

Email: cthompson@k12albemarle.org

Kellie Washington

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317-413-8858

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to be considered to represent ACPS on the school board as a former school bus driver, a parent, and as a local business owner.

My positions as instructional assistant and a school bus driver highlight me as an underrepresented category in the school board. I am not aware of any school board members that have served in any of the trade positions at any public school. These perspectives matter to allow diversity of experience and knowledge. I drove a school bus for Albemarle County for over 9 years. I have witnessed many of the challenges that transportation faces and am still close with many current drivers. I have a strong ability to represent these employees and speak up for them as a former peer. I would be a great asset to building a more successful and happier workplace for the Transportation employees. I have worked with all grade levels and was also promoted as a Student Management Coach for drivers that needed assistance with student behavioral issues. I would be a great liaison for the School Board to actually work with drivers to improve moral, and retention rates. I have worked directly and indirectly for public schools since 2000 starting as an Instructional assistant with Indianapolis Public Schools. I have worked with students ranging from elementary to high school.

I am the parent of 3 children currently enrolled at ACPS, with students in Elementary, Middle and High School. I have been involved with the school community as a parent since 2012 and volunteered for numerous school activities and managed the food donations for dozens of events. As the owner of Vocelli Pizza, I have done countless donations and events for the local public schools for the past 17 years. Community outreach and involvement has always been important to me. I am also an avid reader and former bookstore manager which inspires my need to bring reading success to ALL ACPS students. My oldest child struggled with reading up to the middle of first grade. There was a trial program at Baker Butler that allowed some students to read to service animals which greatly impacted my child's interest and success in reading. Sometimes simple solutions can be the most helpful and I would strive to find as many alternative methods to helping our students as possible. I am especially good at thinking outside the box and would love the opportunity to use my passion for reading and ideas to help our students.

Personally, I have overcome great adversity with my hearing disability and have worn hearing aids since I was 9 years old. I would be strong advocate for students dealing with bullying and the challenges of being different in any capacity. As a Native American, a demographic that has been historically underrepresented in positions of authority at ACPS, I greatly value diversity and recognize that representation matters. I am concerned with outreach for minorities and would hope to assist with this process as well. I grew up in a blue collar household and therefore I also strongly support the implementation of trades as occupational goals for our students. With the changes regarding CATEC, I know that parents have concerns about options for their children at ACPS regarding training and opportunities for tradesmen careers. I hope to help the school board maintain that this valuable path stays open for future students.

To put it simply, I want to help ACPS and all their students to be successful and safe while fostering a healthy work environment for employees at all levels from educators to support staff and transportation. I truly hope to be considered for my unique experience, long standing dedication to our community and desire to speak up for underrepresented people in our education community.

Sincerely,

Kellie Washington

- 1999-2003 **IUPUI (Herron School of Art)** Indianapolis, IN
Art Education, English
- **3.5 GPA**

2006-Current **Vocelli Pizza** Charlottesville, VA
Co-Owner

- Managing an average staff of 12+
- Guerrilla marketing and business management.
- Developing marketing plans for sales growth.
- Customer service and customer retention.

2011-2021 **ACPS Transportation** Charlottesville, VA
School Bus Driver/Student Management Coach

- Safely operates a school bus over long distances across interstate and state primary roads. Maintained safe speeds and fostered safe image to public.
- Assisted in training of drivers for student management
- Conducted safe and orderly bus environment for students and maintained order and discipline on the bus at all times.
- Worked with parents, school administrators and students to create a safe and happy bus environment.

2005-2010 **Conseco / Ship / Univita** Indianapolis, IN
Business Analyst / POS Specialist

- Working technical aspects of various claims.
- Updating policy holder statuses and maintaining critical data for policy applications.
- Updating DOS systems and creating new documents to calculate premiums accurately.
- I worked remotely from Charlottesville for 5 years

2000-2004 **Indianapolis Public Schools** Indianapolis, IN
Instructional Assistant

- Assisted students with completion of learning tasks
- Conducted safe and orderly bus environment for students and maintained order and discipline on the bus at all times.
- Substitute teacher as needed

1998-2001 **Circle City Antiquarian Books** Indianapolis, IN
Bookstore Manager/Administrative Assistant

- Basic bookkeeping and office organization
- Categorization and documentation of rare documents and books
- Rare book research and value determination for the purpose of sale and insurance