



White Hall Magisterial District
School Board Member Application

Applications must be received in the office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday,
November 18, 2022.

Name Joann McDermid

Home Address 3089 Glen Valley Drive, Crozet, VA 22932

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

Phone 434-812-2192 Cell Phone

Email joann.mcdermid@outlook.com

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

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

How long have you resided in Albemarle County? 7 years, 4 months

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.

I have never been appointed to any of the above. However, I do have decades
of experience as an appointed or elected member to a number of national
or international boards in service to my profession. My leadership
experience includes invited appointments as Chair. Please consult my resume and
letter of interest for further details.

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

As an educator, researcher and parent of a recently graduated student, I have held
a long-standing interest in serving on the School Board; however, this will
only be my first opportunity to do so as a new American citizen. Please consult my
resume and letter of interest for further details.

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

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

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

**My contributions will be derived from my experiences as a scientist (including data/statistics), a clinician/community health educator, a professor and from recently completing the Virginia Career Switcher Alternative Route to Licensure Program (Level 1). Please consult my resume and letter of interest for further details.**

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

Attachments are provided  
 No attachments were necessary

Signature  Date November 7, 2022

*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:**

Jennifer Johnston, Clerk  
Albemarle County School Board  
401 McIntire Road, Room 345  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

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November 7, 2022

Ms. Jennifer Johnston, Clerk of the Board  
Albemarle County Public Schools, 401 McIntire Road, Room 345, Charlottesville, VA 22902  
Phone: 434-972-4055 [jjohnston@k12albemarle.org](mailto:jjohnston@k12albemarle.org)

To the School Board Members of Albemarle County Public Schools:

I wish to express my interest in serving as the White Hall Magisterial District School Board member following the recent resignation of Mr. David Oberg. If appointed to this one-year term, I can confirm that I am also interested in seeking election in the subsequent three-year term. Given my life-long devotion to education, School Board service is something that I have been contemplating for some time, although as a newer United States citizen, this is the first time that I have been eligible for consideration.

**As an experienced board member** including multiple leadership roles as Chair, I will be effective in building consensus as I understand how to negotiate compromise and put aside personal opinions in the process of realistic policy development. My formal training and career experiences have also prepared me well to build relationships and appropriately engage and communicate with stakeholders holding varied perspectives and competing interests. While stakeholder engagement is critical, I also appreciate that optimal Board outcomes are also shaped by broad and open discussions amongst members who often convey disparate perspectives stemming from the constituents they represent. Given this, I fully commit to engaging in this process collegially and in adhering to the responsibilities of a board member in maintaining confidentiality of executive processes as required.

**As a life-long scholar**, I realize that the more I learn, the more I am aware of limitations of my current knowledge. I understand that there will be Board procedures and current or future issues that I am unfamiliar with. However, I can assure the Board that I am committed to invest the time and effort needed to make informed decisions. To do this, I will use my training and experience in data sciences and statistics to harness the power of distilling complex data to guide decisions. I will also use my decades long experience as a scientist in being comfortable with (the discomfort of) making decisions in the face of competing hypotheses and contradictory, new or evolving evidence. I will listen, learn, weigh and consider, and then decide what action (vote) is optimal, all things considered.

**As an experienced educator**, holding secondary school teaching qualifications in Virginia and a wealth of national and international experience at the post-secondary level and beyond, I greatly value the pathway to life's success that accessible and effective public education creates. At the same time, I am keenly aware and deeply concerned about the struggle too many children endure, and will continue to face as adults, when public education does not live up to standards. My primary goal as a School Board member will be to make decisions, including the courage to make difficult decisions, to best support staff and enable the education system to deliver optimal public education.

Lastly, as someone raised by a young widowed parent who did not complete high school while living in an isolated rural region, and as someone with years of first-hand experience as an adult living, working or raising a young family in global regions where my language, ethnicity, religion or culture were not dominant, I will continue to reflect on the totality of my formative experiences to infuse empathy and compassion into my term of Board service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. I look forward to working with the School Board and this opportunity to serve my district.

Regards,



Joann M. McDermid, MSc, DipEpidBiostat, PhD, RDN, FAND

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**Education & Clinical Training**

Licensure	Teacher, Secondary School	Virginia Community College System-EducateVA	2021
Diploma*	Epidemiology & Population Health	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	2008
PhD	Nutrition & Public Health Interventions	University of London, United Kingdom	2007
DipEpidBiosat**	Epidemiology & Biostatistics	McGill University, Canada	1998
MSc	Dietetics & Human Nutrition	McGill University, Canada	1996
RDN***	Graduate Clinical Dietetic Internship	Kingston General Hospital, Canada	1991
BSc	Foods & Nutrition	University of Alberta, Canada	1990

\* PhD earned from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine that gained independent degree granting status in 2008; the LSHTM diploma and University of London degree completed concurrently. \*\* Postgraduate diploma equivalent to one-year Master's with eight months of full-time graduate coursework plus a four-month research dissertation. \*\*\* Registered Dietitian Nutritionist originally credentialed in Canada; currently credentialed in USA.

**Positions**

2021 - Present	<b>Research and Academic Consultant</b> Independent Consultancy, Crozet, USA
2016 - 2021	<b>Nutrition Thread Leader</b> Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum, Department of Medical Education School of Medicine, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA
2014 - 2021	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Division of Infectious Diseases & International Health, Department of Medicine School of Medicine, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA
2008 - 2015	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Nutritional Sciences, College of Human Ecology Cornell University, Ithaca, USA
1996 - 1999	<b>Research Associate</b> Immunodeficiency Service, Montreal Chest Institute McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, Canada
1991 - 1992	<b>Clinical Oncology &amp; Research Dietitian</b> London Regional Cancer Program London Health Sciences Centre, London, Canada

**Professional Associations, Clinical & Teaching Licensures - Selected**

2021 - 2022	Virginia Board of Education License #PRCS-0005356; Current status: Dormant for 2022-23
2013 - Present	American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Commission on Dietetics Registration License #1045189; Expiry: 08/31/2024
1991 - 2021	Dietitians of Canada; Category: Full Member

**Awards, Honors, Recognitions & Fellowships - Selected**

2021	Certificate of Commitment to Faculty Development in Medical Education, University of Virginia School of Medicine
2019	Fellow of the United States Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
1999 - 2002	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Fellowship (Health Professional), Health Canada, Government of Canada
1999 - 2002	Fonds de recherche du Québec - Santé (FRSQ) PhD Scholarship, Government of Quebec (Declined, multiple concurrent fellowships obtained)
1999 - 2002	Over-Seas Research Student Award, Committee of Vice Chancellors & Principals of the UK
1993 - 1995	Medical Research Council (MRC) Fellowship (HIV/AIDS), Health Canada, Government of Canada

**Teaching & Curricular Development- Selected**

**Student Teaching Practicum** Albemarle High School: *Introduction to Culinary Arts; Culinary Arts Specialization Course*  
**Creator and/or Instructor** University of Virginia: *Culinary Medicine; COVID-19 (Public Health Implications module)*;  
Cornell University: NS 4370 *Nutritional Immunology & Infectious Diseases*; NS 3060 *Nutritional Problems in Developing Countries*; NS 6370 *Current & Emerging Topics in Nutritional Epidemiology*; NS 6190 *Field of Nutrition Seminar* **Guest Lecturer** University of Cincinnati: HLTH 3011 *Democratizing Healthcare* University of Virginia: *Unexplained Weight Loss, Clinics to Classrooms (C2C); Nutrition and Culture, Pre-clerkship Curriculum*; NUJP 2250: *Principles of Nutrition*, School of Nursing; *Research Methods; Career Considerations*. Dietetic Internship Program Cornell University: NS 6190 *Field of Nutrition Seminar*; NS 1200 *Nutrition & Health: Issues, Outlooks & Opportunities*; NS 3980 *Research in Human Nutrition & Health*; VETMI 7120 *Seminars in Infection & Immunity*; NS 3410 *Human Anatomy & Physiology*; NS 3980 *Research in Human Nutrition & Health*; NS 6440 *Community Nutrition / Program in International Nutrition Seminar*; NS 1200 *Nutrition & Health: Issues, Outlooks & Opportunities*; NS 4990 *Honors Problem*; NS 6050 *Molecular & Human Nutrition Seminar*;

## **Leadership & Executive Service - Selected**

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### **Appointed / Elected**

#### American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

2022 - 2023	Vice-Chair, Council on Research Committee
2022 - Present	Expert Member, Global Food Security Task Force
2021 - Present	Expert Member, Human Milk Composition Scoping Review, Evidence Analysis Center
2021 - 2022	Member, Council on Research Committee
2020 - 2021	Chair, Council on Research Scientific Integrity Principles Subcommittee
2020	New Item Writer (Community Nutrition), Registration Examination for Dietitians, Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)
2019 - 2022	Program Reviewer, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
2019 - Present	Expert Member, <i>Celiac Disease</i> , Evidence Analysis Center
2018 - 2020	Member, Council on Research Scientific Integrity Principles Subcommittee
2017 - 2020	Co-Chair, Awards Committee, Research Dietetics Practice Group
2017 - 2020	Chair, National Honors and Awards Committee, Research Dietetics Practice Group
2016 - 2018	Expert Member, <i>Malnutrition in Pregnancy</i> , Evidence Analysis Center

#### American Society of Nutrition

2010 - 2016	Advisory Steering Committee Member, Nutritional Epidemiology Research Interest Section
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#### International

2020 - Present	Expert Member, International Milk Composition (IMiC) Consortium, Gates Foundation
2004	Corresponding Member, Task Force for Clinical Research Committee Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Health Canada, Government of Canada
1997 - 1998	Expert Member, Committee on Rehabilitation Services for People with HIV Disease, Health Canada, Government of Canada
1997	Expert Member, Committee on Complementary Therapies in HIV/AIDS, Health Canada, Government of Canada

#### **Volunteer**

##### Editorships

2018 - 2021	Academic Editor, <i>PLoS ONE</i>
2018	Invited Guest Academic Editor, <i>PLoS ONE</i>

#### Peer Review (Grants, Research Programs and Student Fellowships)

2020	University of Washington/Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research (CFAR)
2016 - 2020	United States Department of Defense (DOD) Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP) Panel
2016 - 2020	American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Research Dietetic Practice Group Investigator, Emerging Investigators and Student Research Awards Programs
2016	Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Swiss South African Joint Research Programme
2015 - 2023	United States National Science Foundation (NSF) Review Panel
2014	Research Council (Onderzoeksraad), Ghent University, Belgium
2014	United Kingdom Medical Research Council Scheme: Research Grants
2012	United Kingdom Medical Research Council Scheme: Clinical Research Training Fellowship

#### University of Virginia

2017 - 2018	Member, UVA Health System Dietetic Internship Program Selection Committee
2016 - 2021	Member, University of Virginia Health Services Dietetic Internship Advisory Board
2016 - 2021	Member, UVA Health System Nutrition Committee
2016 - 2021	Faculty Fellow, Center for Global Health

#### Cornell University

2014	Member, Department of Population Medicine & Diagnostic Sciences Faculty Search Committee
2012 - 2013	Member, Graduate Field of Nutrition Admissions Committee
2011 - 2015	Faculty Member, Centre for Infection & Pathology
2011 - 2012	Chair, Graduate Field of Nutrition Seminar Committee
2009 - 2011	Member, Graduate Field of Nutrition Seminar Committee
2009 - 2015	Faculty Member, Graduate Field of Nutrition
2009 - 2015	Faculty Member, Graduate Minor Field of Epidemiology
2008 - 2015	Faculty Member, Institute for African Development
2008 - 2010	Member, Division of Nutritional Sciences Faculty Search Committee