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Pacific Elementary School Board of Trustees 50 Ocean Avenue Davenport, CA 95017

Dear Trustees:

It is with great enthusiasm that I express my interest in the position of Trustee at Pacific Elementary School.

Since our arrival at a Pacific School in the 2014-15 school year, I have been an involved parent in the classroom and in Parent's Club, primarily in support of fundraising. Last year, I also participated in the hiring process for the principal / superintendent and have attended a few board meetings as well.

My professional experience over the past two decades has been in non-profit management and fundraising. I have worked with boards ranging in size from six to thirty-six, and have a solid understanding of governance and fiscal oversight within that sector. Prior to entering the non-profit sector, I got my elementary teaching credential (CLAD), so also have a good understanding of the classroom. As a member of the board of trustees, I would rely on this background as well as excellent skills in communication, consensus building, and leadership within the school community.

I have come to see Pacific Elementary School as a unique place of learning and child development, and I care deeply about its success. I also recognize that the school is going through a lot of change and perhaps facing more challenges than it has in its long history. It would be a great pleasure to offer my skills and energy in support of such an amazing school. The opportunity to deepen my knowledge about the issues related to public elementary education is something I would find very exciting.

Best regards,

Cari Napoles