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**Jamie Burgess**

**Superintendent**

**Nome Public Schools**

**Nome, AK**

Dear Superintendent Burgess,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the vacant seat on the Nome Public Schools Board of Education. As a dedicated education professional and a parent deeply invested in our community, it is my intention to use my diverse skill set to positively impact the future of Alaska's students. I am eager to lend my expertise in educational programming, curriculum development, and strategic leadership to support the vital work of the school board.

In my current role as the Director of the Northwest Alaska Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and Program Director within Tribal Training & Development for the Norton Sound Health Corporation, I direct intensive career pipeline activities across the region. This position requires robust collaboration, strategic vision, and governance—skills I actively utilize while running my own board for the NW AHEC and serving on the statewide AHEC Steering Committee. I deeply understand the importance of groups like the school board in guiding educational policy, securing necessary resources, and building strong partnerships to ensure sustained student success.

My foundational approach to student achievement is supported by a master's degree in education and over a decade of teaching and administrative experience across multiple continents and communities. From serving as a secondary science teacher with the United States Peace Corps in Kenya and conducting curriculum development research in Ethiopia, to teaching diverse populations in Pennsylvania, Louisiana, and rural Alaska, I have cultivated a broad, adaptable perspective on educational excellence. Throughout these roles, whether modifying curricula to fit unique cultural backgrounds or increasing student achievement in high-needs areas, my focus has remained on creating equitable, empowering environments for all learners.

My family and I are proudly laying down long-term roots here in Nome, and as a parent of two children (almost 3), I have a profound, personal dedication to supporting and enhancing the education of students in our district. I am continuously pursuing professional growth in

educational leadership, and I see serving on the school board as a meaningful way to contribute my organizational leadership and community-focused advocacy to Nome Public Schools.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my background, governance experience, and passion for rural Alaskan education align with the needs of the board. Thank you for your time, leadership, and consideration.

Sincerely,

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