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To whom it may concern,

As a Barrow High School graduate, I can testify that the educational journey of growing up here through the North Slope Borough School District has proven to be the foundation of my life. All the way from ECE and Old Ipalook, to being the 1<sup>st</sup> group of kids to start the Barrow Middle School, I am truly fortunate to have grown up in such a caring community who takes the education of our children so seriously. This safe environment for learning was the backdrop I needed to forge the lifelong bonds and precious relationships with the students I grew up with. Growing up with an “we’re in this together” attitude, we really looked out for each other. This rings true to this day as I look around here in my home town and I see that my NSBSD classmates are becoming the leaders of our communities, being supported by friends, family who raised us, and the elders who cared so much for us. The elders who were once in their prime, knowing that all of hard work they were doing could be all for nothing if they do not nurture and cherish the education of the children who would one day replace them.

My name is Lars Nelson. I am the son of Jane (Nusunginya) Nelson, and the late Leonard Nelson. I am writing this letter of interest to be considered for the filling of vacant School Board Seat C for District 3, Utqiagvik. I am well versed in the North Slope Municipal processes. I have been working projects here on the North Slope for 20 years, spending my entire career trying to understand how things get accomplished up here in the North. So much has been done, yet there is so much work is yet to be realized in our collective efforts to substantially increase the quality of life in our region. One thing I do know is that it all starts with the proper education of our children.

While my only exposure to the NSBSD has been as an observer and student, I am happily married to Carrie Nelson and we have six children, all of whom are products of the NSBSD. I can see that my children have that same “we’re in this together” attitude with their friends and it makes me so proud to know that they all are looking forward to being able to say that they too graduated from Barrow High School, wearing that title proudly as a badge of honor, like their siblings and parents before them.

Through this recent vacancy announcement, I have come to the realization that it’s time for me to offer myself up as a resource, as a living testimony to intimate insights that only a former student \ student parent would know. Couple this institutional knowledge of growing up through the very system of which I may be charged to consider, with my knowledge of executing projects on the North Slope, I feel I am a worthy candidate for a seat on the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration,

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