

May 28, 2025

### **Letter of Interest-Board Vacancy**

My name is Chad Obenauf, and I'm interested in filling the vacated seat on the Chelsea School Board. I have lived in the school district since 2015, and my wife and I have two children attending Chelsea Schools entering 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year.

#### **What I Could Bring:**

-Strong understanding of the role the Board plays in educating students, budgeting, contracts, hiring, and promoting excellence in the community

-Broad applicable experience across finance, procurement, operations, and strategy areas.

I understand how to apply this in a government/school setting vs private business. I also have good working knowledge of State funding mechanics, grants, and education policy.

-Active knowledge of other private and large public-school districts in the area. I have two other children attending Okemos High School and a private Catholic school. There are relevant learnings to be had from them both positive and negative which could benefit the Chelsea School District

#### **Key Areas of Interest:**

-Support age-appropriate real world financial literacy in the district to help children understand the economy and the importance of money/labor/resources/etc.

-Improve health/wellbeing of all students via better technology usage standards/food nutrition/community engagement programs and policies

-Long term strategic building and infrastructure scenario planning to provide options for CSD 5-10-15 years from now.

Thank you for your consideration!

Chad Obenauf