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Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education. As a proud graduate of this district and a parent of a current student, I am deeply committed to the educational community that has shaped my life and will shape my son's.

I am particularly passionate about advocating for culturally relevant education that is accessible to all students. Every child deserves an education that reflects their culture and experiences, fostering a sense of belonging and engagement. This type of education should grant our children the skills to be whatever their version of success is, wherever life brings them.

I am eager to collaborate with fellow board members, educators, and the community to ensure our programs meet the needs of all our students. Balancing all of the needs of the schools and students is difficult on the best of days, working to support solutions while remaining student focused would be my approach if selected. Having previously worked for the district, I understand the unique challenges and opportunities we face with everything from supplies to recruiting, all affecting the quality of education especially in the villages.

My professional background in Human Resources throughout the North Slope has equipped me with skills in effective communication, conflict resolution, and strategic planning.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the possibility of contributing to the future of the North Slope Borough School District and am committed to working tirelessly to support our schools and our community.

Sincerely,

Kristine Hilderbrand