



June 15, 2020

Superintendent Pauline Harvey
North Slope Borough School District
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E-mail: board.secretary@nsbsd.org

Dear Ms. Harvey,

I am writing to formally express my interest in School Board Seat C for District 3, Utqiágvik.

By way of introduction, my name is Rachel Renee Nutaaq Ayałhuq Nanjinaaq Edwardson, I am the oldest daughter of George and Debby Edwardson Utqiagvimiut. Granddaughter of Elizabeth Ahmoagak Theabdau, Uliḡamiut, Eddie Edwardson, Utqiagvimiut and Sue and Paul Foss Minnesota-miut.

I have spent 19 years working in education across Alaska and Australia. My work in education has focused on Indigenous and inclusive education support and reform, included the following:

- design and facilitation of programs and professional development
- community grass roots organization and engagement
- curriculum review and reform for cultural safety and culturally responsive pedagogy
- curriculum content, design and development
- interactive and digital curriculum materials design and development
- film and storytelling in education
- targeted engagement programs for middle and high school youth not represented in mainstream schooling systems (i.e. highly disengaged and vulnerable students)
- professional development workshop and implementation focused in Cultural Safety (inclusive) in Education and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy

I believe in collaborative, courageous and transparent leadership, anchored by a student-centred approach.

In order for our children to succeed in the modern world their identity must to be foundational in the curriculum and our education system must launch their academic achievement from a strong foundation of wellbeing.

Thank you for this opportunity and please let me know if you would require any further information.

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Rachel Edwardson