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Wausau School District Board  
Attn: Cassie Peck

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Dear Wausau School District Board Members, I am writing to formally express my intent to run for the open seat on the Wausau School District Board of Education. As a lifelong resident of Wausau and a dedicated community member, I am passionate about contributing to the education and future success of our students. My deep ties to the district, combined with my professional expertise and volunteer experience, position me to serve effectively in this role.

As a 1989 graduate of Wausau East High School, I have firsthand knowledge of the strengths and opportunities within our schools. My commitment to the community extends beyond my own education; I have volunteered hundreds of hours for fundraising efforts supporting Wausau West athletics, helping to enhance extracurricular programs that foster teamwork, discipline, and school spirit. These efforts have raised tens of thousands of dollars, reducing the burden on Wausau taxpayers and enabling students who might otherwise be unable to afford the necessary gear to participate and thrive.

My educational background includes two years at the University of Wisconsin-Marathon County, followed by three years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I honed my analytical and leadership skills. Professionally, for over 30 years, I have served as a trusted advisor to leading organizations such as Lockheed Martin, NASA, and Raytheon, providing strategic guidance on complex projects that demand precision, innovation, and collaboration. Throughout my career I've added many certifications in compliance, ransomware protection and know that learning never ends. Additionally, my volunteer work with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a certified safety instructor has been particularly rewarding. In this capacity, I was honored as

Instructor of the Year among more than 5,000 instructors statewide, recognizing my ability to educate and empower others in safe practices and environmental stewardship.

If elected to the board, my primary goal would be to build upon the Wausau School District's fine tradition and history of excellence. I am committed to supporting teachers and students by adapting curricula to better prepare graduates for effective careers or public service. This includes advocating for innovative programs that integrate real-world skills, such as STEM education, career readiness initiatives, and community partnerships, ensuring our students are equipped to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

I am eager to bring my experience, enthusiasm, and vision to the Wausau School District Board. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at 715.212.5365 or [csburger@charter.net](mailto:csburger@charter.net). Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the possibility of serving our community in this important capacity.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Burger  
Wausau Parent and Resident