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April 14, 2021

Honorable Stewart Welch, Mayor
Virginia C. Smith, President
Alice Womack
Lloyd Shelton
William S. Pritchard, III
Gerald Garner
Mountain Brook City Council
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, AL 35213

Re: Mountain Brook Board of Education Recommendation

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Mr. Tommy Luckie is preparing to step down from the Mountain Brook Board of Education after honorably serving 2 terms. His background in communications has been invaluable to the Board and it has been a pleasure to serve alongside him and learn and grow from his vast experience. In fact, his skill set was deemed to be so valuable that a permanent position was created in the Central Office in the form of Director of Communications. This has proved to be a prudent decision.

We are grateful for the time and consideration that you take in appointing new board members and appreciate the voice you give us in finding the right fit. In looking to the future needs of the School Board we must consider both short- and long-term needs. In the broadest sense we are always looking for board members who understand the role of the school board as an oversight body as opposed to one that manages day to day operations. All board members must be able to appreciate and respect the diverse interests that we are charged with serving and commit to advocating for all. Board members must be driven by community interests and not personal positions. Experience with other service-oriented boards helps in appreciating these nuances.

Looking at our needs with a more narrow lens allows us to see that the landscape of education is evolving rapidly. The Mountain Brook Board of Education is committed to a forward-looking philosophy that ensures the provision of an effective, challenging and engaging education for every one of our students. In order to accomplish this, we must stay abreast of current trends in education as well as governmental regulations at both the state and federal levels.

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Having a board member with a legal background is important for every board and familiarity with legislative issues is more important now than ever for our board. We feel it is the obligation of the Mountain Brook Board of Education to be equipped and able to navigate the developments that we see happening legislatively that will affect the management of our system. Having knowledge and a voice in legislative matters will allow us to maintain the level of excellence our community expects.

With that being said, we as a Board, along with the Superintendent have interviewed 4 community members who would each bring valuable skills to the table. We would like to offer the following 4 people to be considered for the upcoming position on the Mountain Brook Board of Education. Attached are their resumes to be reviewed for your consideration.

Allie Black
Greg Butrus
Anna Comer
Vince Schilleci

Once again, thank you for your collaboration and commitment to Mountain Brook Schools. We too remain committed to a standard of excellence for our community. We look forward to working with our newly appointed Board Member.

Yours sincerely,



Nicky Barnes

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Enclosure

Cc: Mountain Brook Board of Education
Dr. Dicky Barlow, Superintendent