

March 29, 2013

Dear School Board Director Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Berkeley Unified School District created by the resignation of President Leah Wilson. To be considered as an applicant for the position, please complete the enclosed information sheet. We are asking each applicant to do this in order to make our selection as carefully and objectively as possible.

Serving on the Board is a responsibility that requires a significant personal commitment of time to prepare for school board meetings. Regular board meetings are held on Wednesday three times a month, with occasional special meetings called. Additional time is also required due to various committee appointments, duties as school liaisons, being accessible to the public, as well as the possibility of attending local, state, and/or national meetings. If you have any questions regarding the time requirements and responsibility of being a Director, please contact any of us for more information.

Please return the enclosed information sheet, along with your resume or curriculum vitae, by email to deborahturner@berkeley.net, or in person to 2020 Bonar Street, Room 321 **by 4:00pm on April 15, 2013**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please be brief and succinct in replying to questions and do not submit additional information, pictures, or additional documents. Please also note that the information submitted will be public, with the exception of your personal contact information. The Board will review all application materials and select finalists for a presentation to the Board on May 1, 2013.

Thank you very much for your interest.

Sincerely,

Directors of the Berkeley Unified School District

Please return this application by email to Deborah Turner, deborahturner@berkeley.net, or in person to the Superintendent's office at 2020 Bonar Street, Suite 321 **by 4:00pm on April 15, 2013**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ How long have you lived in Berkeley? _____

Please attach a document with your answers to the 9 questions below, along with your current resume or curriculum vitae. Do not submit any additional items. Please note that all materials submitted, with the exception of your personal contact information, will be available to the public.

Please answer the following questions (200 word limit each):

1. Why do you want to be a School Board Director?
2. What strengths would you bring to the School Board?
3. What are your three top priorities for Berkeley public schools?
4. How would you work with your fellow Board members and Superintendent to address these priorities?
5. How does your experience and knowledge lend itself to promoting the District goals of addressing the opportunity gap and the 2020 Vision?
6. What are the greatest assets and strengths of BUSD?
7. What do you see as your primary role and responsibilities as a School Board Director?
8. How does an effective School Board ensure opportunities for families and community members to express a diverse range of views to inform Board deliberations on important policy issues?
9. What has been your involvement with public schools and/or in the community?