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Dear SBDM Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to be reviewed as a candidate for the High School SBDM Council at Beechwood. I am the mother of 4 children at Beechwood – McKinley (senior), Miles (sophomore), Macy (8th grade), and Maggie (3rd grade). My husband Chris and I moved to Fort Mitchell 3 ½ years ago with our children so that they could all be a part of this amazing school community. Despite the older kids not starting off here from Kindergarten, it was a very smooth transition and has been a great experience for all of us!

I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Miami University in Ohio in 1999 and went into banking shortly thereafter, despite having started off as a Theatre Performance major at Miami. What I didn't know at the time is that the skill of acting would come in quite handy in my mortgage sales job! I am now a Branch Manager for a national mortgage company called Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation. This is my 22nd year in the mortgage business. I love helping people become homeowners...especially those who didn't previously think it possible.

In 2018, I was asked to serve on the Board of Directors at Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK). HONK is a non-profit organization that works to bring the underserved into homeownership through education and a lease to own program. In 2021, I was elected to be the President of The Board which is a position I continue to hold. I also serve on the Client Selection Committee where we review potential candidates for the lease to own program.

As a working mom throughout my kids' lives, I have done my best to help out in the classroom when needed. When they were younger I would volunteer for field trips, plan school parties, read to the class, help the teachers with clerical duties, etc. However, as they have grown, it has become more difficult to stay involved. Even though those early days were very fun and great to spend time with the kids, as their education has become more substantial, I have been looking for a different way to get involved. Not having grown up in Fort Mitchell, I was initially intimidated by the prospect of serving on the school board or SBDM. However, as of late I have a different perspective. I think given my experience for the first 6 years of my kids' schooling being at a different school district, I can bring some outside experience to the table. The first few years at Beechwood I have been able to observe and learn more about how the school works. Today I would like to take this additional step and be able to impact the school in a meaningful way. Kids today have higher expectations and more opportunities than ever before. It is extremely important to me to make sure their foundation laid at school is solid and will prepare them for being contributing and kind adults.

It would be my pleasure to serve the Beechwood Community as a parent member of the SBDM Council. Please let me know if you have any questions or want any additional information about me. I can be reached at 859-620-8053 or by email at harperko@yahoo.com.

Thank you,



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