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Candidate Statement for CCCS Board

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Having served these last two years on the CCCS Board, including the last three months as the Board Chair, I believe it is essential that we have continuity in leadership at the Board level and, for that reason, have agreed to be considered to serve another two-year term. As many of you know, Charli and I have four children at the school, so we are and will continue to be heavily invested in the success of the school in all grades.

I have always believed this school needs and deserves people with professional expertise and diversity of thought on the Board, which is why I agreed to run two years ago and why one of my personal priorities was to fill our community member positions, which we did early on in my tenure, and both of whom continue to serve to this day. Additionally, during these last two years, I have committed myself to improving the professionalism and culture of the Board itself and we currently have a solid group of Board members who can – and regularly do – differentiate their personal desires from the needs of the school as a whole.

My ongoing goals for the Board are simple: (1) empower our teachers to demand and promote academic excellence for all our students; (2) create and maintain a professional and highly ethical leadership team of professionals and volunteers; (3) ensure the physical, intellectual, and emotional safety of our students and staff; and (4) provide sound financial management for the long-term viability of the school.

During this time of transition, leadership on the Board is more important than ever. I firmly believe in the power of knowledge and buy in to even the hardest decisions; we do not need to agree to be agreeable. The more our parents and staff are made aware of the issues facing the school and the more empowered they feel to address those issues, the more equipped and enthusiastic they will be to meet those needs. In every professional or volunteer role I have undertaken, I have managed vendors, employees, co-workers, and volunteers alike with the same basic approach: I start from a place of respect and trust that, with accurate and transparent information, we can come to a consensus that everyone can get behind.

As discouraging as my professional work can often be and as difficult as these last few months have been at the school, I am and remain an unabashed optimist. I genuinely believe that anything is possible with hard work, honest, open dialogue, and a genuine sense of community. Those have been my commitments these last two years and will continue to be my commitment these next two years if I am chosen to continue to serve in this capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

