

Dear LCPS School Board Members, **My Statement of Interest**

With this letter I wish to submit my interest in the vacant Leesburg District School Board seat to complete the remaining term. I believe I am the most qualified candidate for the following reasons:

- Having served as the elected Leesburg District school board representative for eight years, I understand completely the school board systems, processes, and procedures.
- I know and work well with the School Board staff and have performed in a collegial manner with the other School Board members.
- I have never missed a scheduled meeting and I have faithfully chaired all the committees to which I was appointed.
- Most important my focus has always been and always will be to do right in the education of our children.

Those who know me understand how I have devoted my life to public education. In addition to my eight years on the LCPS School Board, I served for 30 years in Fairfax County schools and two years in the Philippines with the Peace Corps.

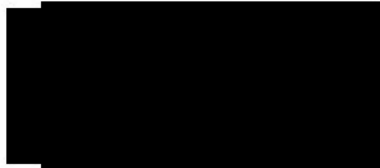
As I attended the dedication of the North Star building on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, I thought of how the school board, administrators, teachers, and parents all must hold a common purpose in educating our youth to prepare them for the future. This is our North Star by which we chart our course through these challenging times.

Please consider my experience and purpose in considering my application for the vacant

# TOM C. MARSHALL

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## Contact



## Objective

To serve my community by serving on the Loudoun County School Board due to a recent resignation resulting in a vacancy to the Leesburg District seat. It is expected my term will end sometime after the November 2022 election

## Education

Randolph-Macon College BA;  
History and Government Major  
University of Virginia, M.ED  
Counselling Education  
American University M.A  
Public Relations &  
Communications

## Experience

Teacher, 1962-1964 & 1965-1971 School Counselor 1972-1987  
Director of Student Services (James Madison HS 1988-1996, Fairfax County Public Schools. 30 years in Fairfax County  
U.S. Peace Corps, Philippines 1965-67  
Realtor, McEneaney Associates Leesburg 1999-2020  
Loudoun County School Board, Two Terms  
Jan.2008- Dec.2011 and Jan. 2016- Dec. 2019  
Served on the Loudoun County School Board from January 2008-December 2011 and from January 2016-December, 2019

## Key Skills

Marketing  
Project Management  
Budget Planning  
Social Media  
Planning

## Communication

As a school administrator, I exercised **management** over a large staff and **developed** the Master Schedule. As a school counselor, I worked with numerous students to help them realize their potential and **provided support and guidance** for students who were struggling and those who wanted extend their learning beyond high school. As a Realtor I developed **marketing skills** and helped clients navigate the sale or purchase of a home. I **negotiated terms** with sellers and buyers. On the School Board, I **worked collaboratively** with my colleagues on **budget priorities**, boundary changes and **championed economically disadvantaged students** and stressed the need for **equity** in the resources provided by LCPS

## **Leadership**

I have served as Vice Chair and Chairman of the McLean Community Center 1977(?). I was President of the American Federation of Aviculture (1987-1989) and Currently I am President of the Condo Board at Minor House Condominiums, 104 Loudoun Street. Leesburg. I have chaired several committees of the Loudoun County School Board in the development of policies with fairness and fealty over the eight years of my terms

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## **References**

Kristen Umstattd, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, Leesburg District

Kelly Burk, Mayor of Leesburg, VA

Mark Herring, Virginia Attorney General

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## Marshall: Unruly "Parents?"

Jul 1, 2021

I was there, sitting quietly waiting to give my input to the Loudoun County School Board in favor of Policy 8040, simply because I firmly believe that ALL of our students have the state-given right to an education without prejudice. In addition, I learned, as most interested parties should have known, that this protection was mandated by state law. The School Board was simply going through pro forma motions to update school board policies in order to be in line with the laws of Virginia.

The Loudoun "parents" reportedly want the School Board to listen to them and eight members were physically present and a ninth member was virtually present, electronically, making it a full house of listeners that were there to do just that — listen. The Board even continued to listen as School Board members were personally vilified and threatened. They listened after some speakers insisted that the school system was teaching Critical Race Theory, after they have said on many occasions publicly that they do not have any curriculum based on CRT. It appears that these "parents" are themselves incapable of listening or learning.

Could this meeting have been infiltrated by agents with a particular agenda? The aggrieved "parents" even brought out a retired political hack to help them spew insults and these professed "parents", as well, had professionally produced placards to wave along with American flags to hold upside down (insurrection-like) when a speaker acknowledged their support for trans-students and Policy 8040. What was really sad, is that these unruly parents or stand-ins used their warped ideas of religion to exert divisiveness in our Loudoun community, to tear people apart from one another.

Faulty and extreme religious zeal has no role to play in the deliberations of the public's School Board. Where is the love? It was painfully absent among so many in attendance June 22nd who wrapped themselves in the cloak of a religious dogma egged on by false prophets that thrive on

exclusivity. Thank God, and I do believe in a loving God, for all those churches, synagogues and temples with families that actually practice their faith of love one another, kindness and who follow the Golden Rule, to treat others as you would treat yourself.

So much for public discourse in a divided society that my country, and now my county, has become.

Tom Marshall

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