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My name is Amanda Cooper, and I write today to seek election to the GCS Board of directors.

In 2004 when GCS became a charter school, the founders chose the name Georgetown Community School to reflect the cornerstone ideal of a school that was rooted within our town. It has been nearly 20 years since our school became Georgetown Community School and those ideals are why I am seeking reelection to the board for GCS. Our school has seen many ups and downs over the last few years, and as we move into the cycle of charter renewal I am hopeful that I could contribute to the future with experience and leadership from my previous term on the board of directors, from Feb 2018 to Nov 2020.

I have two children who attend Georgetown Community School, currently in Kindergarten and 4th grade. My husband Ryan and I are small business owners in the community, and I served as the treasurer for the GCS board in during my previous tenure. During that time we were able to maintain a strong reserve for financial health but also improved the compensation packages for staff and expanded spending in thoughtful ways that directly improved outcomes for students and staff. Additionally we introduced 1:1 technology for all students, purchased smart boards for every classroom and improved community and district relations. At the end of our term, our school was high performing, even despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

In addition to previous board experience I have served on two bond committees for CCSDRE. I was also the recent chairperson for the School Accountably Committee and I also served on the financial oversight committee for GCS as a community member. Additionally I am the chairperson for Georgetown Business Promotions Commission and feel I could serve as an excellent liaison for even stronger community relations between our town and our school.

As a community we have seen many ups and downs with the steadiness in school leadership our students and staff desperately deserve. Having been apart of this board and school on many different levels for the past five years we know that we are resilient. I look forward to the opportunity to once again serve a school and stakeholders I truly admire the sitting board and look to a brighter future for all students and staff as we work to establish a plan for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your consideration

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