

<b>Why are you interested in serving on the Pell City Board of Education?</b>	I am interested in serving on the Pell City Board of Education because I have a significant vested interest in the schools, my 2 children. I grew up attending the Pell City Schools, and would like to contribute to improving on a system that is already fulfilling a great purpose. Education is a critical element for kids and their futures, and I would like to have a role in guiding that. While our system is doing well, I believe that there is room for improvement just like any other system. Schools are fundamental places to help give kids not just an environment for learning what is conventionally thought of as education, but is a place that they can learn true life skills and become well rounded and prepared for life as adults. My hope, if selected for the Board of Education, is to work toward improving the Pell City Schools to produce highly functional well educated young adults.
<b>List your prior involvement in the Pell City School System or other public or private school systems.</b>	I attended Pell City Schools from elementary school until I graduated from Pell City High School in 1995. I also have 2 children currently attending Pell City Schools (Duran and Pell City High School), who have been in Pell City Schools since elementary school.
<b>Potential conflicts (Check all that apply. Does not disqualify from service)-I have children or relatives enrolled in the system.</b>	yes
<b>Potential conflicts (Check all that apply. Does not disqualify from service)-I have relatives employed by the system.</b>	no
<b>Potential conflicts (Check all that apply. Does not disqualify from service)-I provide services or conduct business with the system.</b>	yes
<b>Disclose any other potential conflicts that may arise during your service.</b>	I run The Mustard Seed Society which is a nonprofit that works with at-risk youth. Through this nonprofit, I work directly with school affiliated groups.
<b>What strengths, abilities, education, or experiences uniquely qualify you to serve? Include any significant contributions to Pell City and/or the community at large.</b>	Through my work with The Mustard Seed Society, I have had a first hand experience working with troubled youth in the Pell City School system as well as other systems in the surrounding area. This has provided me a direct window into seeing what is working well at the schools as well as what could use some improvement. As a nonprofit, finances, supply and acquisition, are frequently the most challenging part of our work; running The Mustard Seed Society has also taught me a great deal about being flexible and problem solving. I have the ability to accomplish tasks by developing relationships with others, and partnering with them to work towards a common goal.
<b>What goals should the Pell City Board of Education prioritize over the next 3-5 years? Include things you think Pell City Schools are doing well and should be supported, and things you would seek to improve.</b>	<p>One of my main goals would be to develop a leadership training program for the staff and students of Pell City Schools. I firmly believe that the results of any program are directly related to the leadership of it. If a program is failing as a whole, or in a particular area, it can generally be traced back to the leadership at some level. This can be achieved through some relatively easy and inexpensive steps such as; student-to-student mentoring as well as staff-to-staff mentoring programs, and hands on training.</p> <p>I like that the schools took the initiative to directly address students' test score, and began to offer more emphasis on areas that needed improvement.</p> <p>I would like to see improvement on the community involvement. Parents are often disengaged because they are busy, do not feel like their voice is heard, and generally feel like they don't make a difference.</p>

**APPLICANT RESUMES ARE WELCOME BUT NOT REQUIRED**

The Pell City Board of Education Steering Committee will review resumes submitted with a candidate's application packet. Please attach resumes as PDF documents when submitting this application.

**ATTACH RESUME**

**SIGNATURE**

My signature below indicates I have read School Boards & Superintendents Roles & Responsibilities and I understand and am willing to assume the responsibilities of Board Member on the Pell City Board of Education. All personal and professional information provided herein is accurate to the best of my ability. I hereby authorize the City of Pell City to conduct investigation into my background and experience as deemed necessary for the purposes of evaluating my qualification for the position I am applying for, including contacting my employer and listed references.

Electronic signature



Date

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