

Dear Board,

Hello my name is Mike Wharton Jr. and I would like your consideration for one of the vacant seats on the Redding School Board of Trustees.

My immediate family consists of my fiancé of 5 years and her two children Kevin, who is 9, and Claire, who is 11. Both children attend school in the district, one at Manzanita and one at Sequoia. My fiancé is on the site council at Manzanita School and both of us have been very active in coaching Westside Redding Little League.

I hold a bachelors degree from California State University, Chico in Business Administration. I have completed all but one unit (oral defense of thesis) of a Masters Degree in Agriculture with an emphasis on water delivery systems from California State University San Luis Obispo. I have a clear multi-subject and clear secondary California Teaching Credential, earned at Simpson University and taught for 3 years at the Red Bluff Community Day School and summer school at Bidwell Elementary. Most of my career has been spent in sales and marketing with Fortune 1000 companies nation and world- wide. I am currently in between assignments and have taken the past months off to develop my own marketing firm.

I would like to become involved with the Redding School District Board of Trustees as I feel a deep connection to education. I have been involved with education as a teacher, student and now a parent. I would like to be part of a team that can positively affect the direction of the schools in the district, and would like to work for the parents, kids and educators in the district to help achieve their many diverse goals. I realize the district is under strong financial stress and would like to work to keep kids in the district, increase enrollment across all schools in the district, and help to ensure that all children in the district have an equal shot at excelling in learning. I feel I can offer the Board strong analytical skills and a keen eye for detail, excellent problem solving, negotiation and arbitration experience, and a can do attitude with a healthy amount of humor and humility mixed in. I believe these traits make me an excellent candidate for School Board of Directors Trustee.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mike Wharton