MELISSA HOWARD Camp Hill School Board Director Candidate

I have always believed in the importance of being actively involved in the organizations that I value and participating in the Camp Hill School District is no exception. My two children currently attend the Middle School, and I have continually worked hard to stay involved in their educational experience. I have spent time in their classrooms getting to know teachers and other students in the district and their families, many of which I am pleased to call friends. I have taught Junior Achievement sessions, volunteered and planned various school and classroom events, attended field trips including Canadensis, and assisted with extracurricular activities such as Marching Band and the elementary Run Club. Through these experiences, I have seen firsthand how much the staff of this district devote, both in and out of the classroom, to making Camp Hill students' education their priority. Their dedication routinely awes and inspires me.

Serving as a school board member is the best way I could demonstrate my appreciation for this district – both for the devoted staff and my wonderful friends within the community. If elected, I would like to put the analytical and problem-solving skills I have learned as a Professional Engineer to use for our district. I would strive to maintain Camp Hill's unique and nurturing environment and to make our children's education the best it can be. It would be an honor to serve our community as a representative on the Board. Thank you for considering me as a candidate.

Here are some details to help you get to know me better. I am proudly a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania. I was born and raised in Montgomery County just outside the City of Philadelphia. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from Temple University. I also earned a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University with a focus in hydrology. The past several years, I have put my hydrology skills to use in the Borough as part of the Camp Hill Stormwater Authority.

I came to the area in 2001 when I began working for a locally based engineering firm, Gannett Fleming, where I have been employed for over twenty years. My husband and I moved to Camp Hill in 2011 from neighboring Lemoyne. You can often see us walking our two dogs around the Borough. If you do, please feel free to stop and say hello! Or you may contact me through email at mhoward4chsd@gmail.com – I welcome your feedback on what is important to you in our school district.