**Jeff Wise**

Zip Code of Residence 28214        Years in Charlotte-Mecklenburg 13

Previous place of residence Columbus, Ohio        How long? 9

Children? 1               Their ages? Almost 4

**If your child is/children are school age, what school/s do they attend?**

Chesterbrook Academy preschool

**If your child is/children are adults, what schools did they attend?**

N/A

**What is/was your experience with those schools?**

N/A

**What have you done to educate yourself about the history of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools?**

Reading CMS website, conversations with CMS employees

**Which of the following books about Charlotte, its schools, and public education in general have you read?**

(  )The Dream Long Deferred by Frye Gaillard (  )Boom for Whom? by Stephen Smith

(  )Class and Schools by Richard Rothstein (  ) Schoolhouses, Courthouses, and State Houses by Eric Hanushek and Alfred Lindseth

(X (currently reading)) The Shame of the Nation by Jonathan Kozol   (  ) Other?

**Please share pertinent information about your background/experience which will inform your work on the Board of Education.**

I am the spouse of a teacher, a middle school band director. I’ve taught area high school marching bands for close to 15 years and the last few years have judged competitions throughout the state.

Before moving to Charlotte, I worked for a year as a network tech for Columbus Public School.

For the past 13 years I’ve worked as an IT professional for a large architecture firm. I fully understand the budgeting process and thanks to the recession, I also have experience managing through turbulent times and making tough decisions. In good times and bad, I make my decisions based on the best interests of our firm, not specific groups of users. I take responsibility for all my decisions.

My undergraduate degree is in journalism, I’m most of the way through a master’s in arts administration. Many, many things pique my interest and I like to figure out the why’s behind the way things are. I understand the role of technology in our society, but don’t think it solves all our problems. I like to listen more than I like to talk.