

Anne Bolster



November 17, 2021

PHM Board of School Trustees
and Superintendent Dr. Jerry Thacker
55900 Bittersweet Road
Mishawaka IN 46545

Dear PHM Board of School Trustees and Dr. Jerry Thacker,

My name is Anne Bolster and I am writing to express my interest in serving as a PHM Board of School Trustee.

I am a mother of two children attending PHM Schools, one at Walt Disney Elementary School and the other at Schmucker Middle School. In moving to the Michiana area 11 years ago, my husband and I picked our neighborhood because we wanted our children to be in the PHM Schools. I have felt lucky to be a volunteer and involved with PTO at Disney. We enrolled my son at Disney seven years ago for kindergarten and have been grateful for the incredible teachers he and my daughter have had at Disney and at Schmucker, as well as for the school communities there.

I have been involved in volunteering at Walt Disney since my son was in kindergarten. I have been a classroom volunteer, as well as a member of Walt Disney PTO's board as vice president for two years, PHM Forum Representative for two years, and president for a semester. I organized Walt Disney's first color run, along with staff members Ms. Peluso and Mrs. Carroll. My husband and I were also regular participants in Culture Night, hosting a booth about my husband's home country of Ireland as well as his mother's home country of Portugal. We appreciate the dedication of our children's schools in enriching their education and our ability to be involved.

My professional field is education. I have my Masters degree in education and have 11 years teaching experience. I have taught kindergarten through adult learners as well as trained teachers. I have worked as a main classroom teacher, a K-8 art teacher, a teacher for K-6 English learners in Spain, a teacher for adult English learners in South Bend, and as a volunteer teacher in the Czech Republic. I have also worked with teachers of English learners to learn and practice strategies to best meet their students' academic, social and emotional needs. Through my experiences as an educator, I have taught and collaborated with people of varied viewpoints and needs. I have learned the importance of listening attentively to different perspectives, reflecting on them, and respectfully standing up for what is right. I have seen that despite different stances, most people have similar hopes and goals for education in our community - that children be safe, that their children receive the best and richest education possible, and that children be in a community where they can grow to be their best selves.

I would like to be a part of the PHM Board of School trustees to have a voice in positively impacting the educational opportunities and experiences of PHM students and families. I believe that my experience in volunteering at PHM Schools and professionally as an educator would lead me to be a thoughtful and informed member of the PHM Board of School Trustees.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, you may reach me by phone at [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Bolster".

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Education and Credentials

M.Ed. 2005 UCSD

Elementary mathematics emphasis

California Multi-Subject Credential with supplementary English and TESOL authorization

Elementary Education

B.A. 2004 UCLA English Linguistics with a minor in TESOL and applied linguistics

Certificate of completion of TESOL program

Educational Work Experience

CLASS Educational Assessor

Family Connections of St. Joseph County

present

South Bend, Indiana

K-8 Art Teacher

Holy Cross School

2019-2021

South Bend, Indiana

Adult English as a New Language Instructor

South Bend City Schools Adult Education

2015-2018

South Bend, Indiana

Clinical Faculty for Teacher Education Courses

Alliance For Catholic Education

2014-2017

Notre Dame, Indiana

- *EDU 75110* - ELL Practicum II: Collaboration and Professional Development

- *EDU 70100* - Linguistics and Language Acquisition

Workshop Instructor – Portuguese/English Linguistic and Cultural Analysis

Alliance For Catholic Education

January 2014

Notre Dame, Indiana

Brazil-Notre Dame project

English and Sciences (in English) Teacher

Agora Sant Cugat International School

2007-2009

Sant Cugat de Valles, Spain

3rd Grade Teacher

St. John of the Cross Catholic School

2006-2007

Lemon Grove, California

8th Grade English and Social Studies Teacher

Memorial Academy for Learning and Technology

2005-2006

San Diego, California

4th/5th Grade EFL and English for Special Purposes

Mladé Zákładní Škola and Jihočeská Univerzita

1999-2000

České Budějovice, Czech Republic

Student Teaching

- 4th/5th grade Discovery Elementary School

Chula Vista, California

Spring 2005

- 2nd grade Rock Springs Elementary School

Escondido, California

Fall 2004

- ESL Science Culver City Middle School

Culver City, California

Spring 2004

Additional Work Experience and Organizations

- PTO president, vice president, forum rep & school volunteer - Walt Disney Elementary School

2016-2018

- UCLA Men's Track and Field - Senior Manager

Los Angeles, California

2001-2014

- Consular Intern: US Embassy

Prague, Czech Republic

2003

- Development & PR Intern: Hearing and Speech Ctr.

Eugene, Oregon

2002

Languages

English, Castilian Spanish, Czech, some Portuguese and Catalan