Reese Lassiter McCurdy

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Q1 What is your full legal name?

Reese Lassiter McCurdy

Q2 Where do you live? Please provide full home address (no post office box).

Address	**320 Kelsey Glen Drive**
City/Town	**Lexington**
State/Province	**SC**
ZIP/Postal Code	**29072**

Q3 What is your telephone number?

704-618-2057 cell

Q4 What is your email address?

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Q5 What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?   **Bachelor degree**

Q6 What is your job title and place of employment?

Director at Alpine Agency

Q7 Do you have children currently attending and/or children who will attend Lexington District One schools in the future? If so, how many?

yes, 4

Q8 Have any of your children graduated from Lexington District One schools? If so, how many?

N/A

Q9 Why are you running for a seat on the Board of Trustees?

I am running to provide a fresh approach to financial and educational responsibility on the Lexington One School Board. Being involved in the ever changing business world has helped me realize the value a new perspective brings to an organization. Being somewhat new to the area (2014), I see an opportunity for Lexington One to become more effective with its current resources. Business owners, teachers and parents need a voice that will listen to their concerns, represent them and respond.

Q10 Why do you think you would be a good Lexington District One board member?

My parents were heavily involved in the school I grew up attending in Alabama. My Mom was a teacher in a private school, who taught for the love of education. As today, she did not receive a significant salary for the love of her labor. In fact, my Mom retired with 30+ years of service at the same school in her community without a penny contributed on her behalf to a retirement plan. What she/ we did get though was the Love of her community.
I understand the struggles of teachers. I understand the fact that teachers need supplies, I understand that teachers need the administrative support for disruptive students. We also have to address those that need just a little more help to be successful. As a community, we have to search for those solutions, as a School Board member I expect to help lead Lexington One to those answers.
I have 4 children currently in the Lexington One School District. I find it hard to believe that our current path is sustainable. My oldest is in the 7th grade, my youngest is in the 2nd. I have a vested interest in seeing our School District continue to improve. I will focus my time on ensuring that funds provided for education will be spent on education and invested on the good of our teachers and children.
I also run a small business. Tax burdens impact a person's decision on where to locate businesses. Lexington One cannot continue to place this burden on small business owners without accountability. Business owners and constituents expect transparency when significant expenses occur.

Q11 Please list previous community involvement.

I have been Little Leage Baseball Coach, Upwards Football Coach, Treasurer at St. Mary's Episcipol Church and Vestry Member at St. Mary's Episcipol Church.

Q12 What is the single most important issue facing public education today?

When standardized testing was implemented, I believe the intent was to ensure that all children had access to a quality education. Measurements were intended to ensure that occurred. As with many issues, this has now taken on a different role than intended. While being a School Board member does not allow us to change the laws, we do need to determine how to effectively manage this issue. In my view, quality education is not directly proportional to standardized testing, however I realize funding usually is. Lexington One will need to determine how to get ALL of our students ready to be positive contributors to society, while also getting the testing scores necessary for sufficient funding. I don't believe these issues are directly correlated and decisions about our district shouldn't be managed in that way.