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To the Marblehead School Committee and Select Board,

Hello! I am writing today to indicate my interest in volunteering to fill the Marblehead School Committee vacancy announced November 16th.

The role of educator has been a part of my life from a very early age. I've always had a knack for "explaining" technology to both those older and younger than me. I had a series of jobs that took advantage of that skill informally, but it really solidified when I chose to pursue a Masters in the Science of Education for teaching technology. This really immersed me in the problems of education including differentiation of education, rigor and quality of education, measurement of progress. There are few more important problems in our society than tackling these issues, and as a secondary-school teacher for 4 years in Chicago I had opportunities to both observe them deeply and work with our administration on finding solutions to them.

In my fourth year of teaching, I really wanted to do something that had a chance to move the needle for as many teachers as possible. I had an idea for a technology platform for sharing teaching materials, and a company out in Connecticut agreed to fund my idea. From there, my career path took me away from teaching, but I've kept with recent developments and trends in education and still fascinated by the problems there.

I moved to Marblehead in 2018 with my family and I've really fallen in love with the community here. It's a town with a ton of history and a huge spirit of collaboration on town issues. I recently heard about the vacancy on the school committee and I was wondering if I could use both my education and my experience since as a software engineering leader to help out.

I'm really looking forward to meeting all of you and potentially working with you to tackle the management of education in our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out at my email – [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
Scott Stunkel