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Steve,

As I mentioned in our conversation earlier today, I have strong feelings about the possible change in financial disclosure requirements for volunteer public officials. I joined the Board of Education one year ago out of a desire to give back and contribute to the wonderful town in which we live. At no point was I motivated by the desire to hold public office. My position on the Board of Education has not exposed me to any situations where there has been a potential financial conflict of interest. I actively seek to avoid all such situations and would recuse myself if such a situation arose. I find the possibility of detailed financial disclosure (income statement and balance sheet details) an onerous imposition for at least two reasons:

1. It would require significant expense in the form of legal and accounting fees to insure that a statement was accurate and complete.
2. It would require disclosure of items that I believe are private personal information.

I remain committed to serving on the Board of Education consistent with the highest ethical standards, but would seriously consider resigning my position in the event that the type of disclosure that has been mentioned becomes a requirement.

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