

Wisler gives Asheville a voice on council

As a longtime advocate for public education and involved parent in Asheville City Schools, I am writing to express my support for Gwen Wisler for Asheville City Council. In her current role of City Council vice mayor and liaison to the Asheville City Schools board, Ms. Wisler has proven herself a strong voice for the people of Asheville in matters involving our schools.

Because members of the ACS School Board are not elected, but appointed by city council, the way we as citizens often have a powerful voice with the board is through our City Council members. Ms. Wisler proved herself a community voice last December, when she insisted, despite resistance, that the board seek community input in the hiring of a new superintendent. She subsequently served on the Community Advisory Team that held multiple public forums seeking this input and presented recommendations based on it to the board.

Thanks to Ms. Wisler, the Asheville community had a voice in this important decision. She works hard to promote the transparency we, as citizens, expect and deserve, not just in education, but in all issues. Her experience and priorities for the city of Asheville are why she has my support.

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