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To: Sarasota County School Board
From: Paula Ippolito

My name is Paula Ippolito and I would to thank you for taking the time to consider me for the Financial Advisory Committee.

My experience in the Sarasota County Public School system began in 2006 when my son entered kindergarten at Southside Elementary. My two children are now attending Pine View, my son a tenth grader and my daughter a seventh grader.

I have been a tireless volunteer in the school system for over 11 years starting as a class mom and field trip chaperone, evolving into a leader in fundraising and educational events.

I was nominated to join Southside Elementary School SAC committee as a member in 2009-10. I was elected the SAC Chairperson in the fall of 2010 and held that position through the 2014-15 school year. I was also elected Southside PTO President for two consecutive years ending in 2014. I have been an active member of Pine View School since 2014 including SAC.

On a countywide level, I have been a very active member of the "Vote Yes" campaign for the county's 1 mil School Tax Referendum for the last 2 voting cycles, including visiting many elementary and middle schools speaking in front of teachers and parents about the importance of the referendum.

I have been on the advisor board for the Child Protective Center of Sarasota for the past two years, volunteering for the organization for approximately four years.

I am also currently working on the Education Foundation's current fundraising event, CreateSRQ.

Prior to my life as a mom here in Sarasota, I worked in the financial industry, in Seattle Washington, as an Institutional Equity Trader for the largest buy-side firm in the Pacific North West. At our peak we managed 8 billion dollars. My responsibilities included trading the equity portfolios, as well as, trade settlements and client and broker communications.

Prior to that, I lived in San Francisco where I was the Assistant Market Director for a privately owned retail company. I played a major role in the growth of the company from 8 stores to over 30 in the Bay area.

I graduated from the University of Connecticut with a Bachelors of Science in Family Studies, 1986.

I believe my diverse experience and passion for education will add value to the FAC. Thank you for your time and consideration.