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To whom it may concern:

My name is Joseph Shelton, and I would like to submit my name for consideration to fill the vacancy of Director Mary Coleman on the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education.

All my life I have lived in the School District 11 community. My school years were spent at James Madison Elementary School from 2003 - 2008, Irving Middle School from 2008 - 2009, North Middle School from 2009 - 2011, and Palmer High School from 2011 - 2015. While in school, I found my support and calling in helping others. While attending Palmer High School, I was a proud member of the Pay it Forward club. My main excitement was beginning the Volunteers Fair for Palmer High School and North Middle School students supporting them in finding locations in the Colorado Springs community that they could volunteer with. Another proud moment in my community service activities is volunteering with North Middle School, and former Community Liaison Mrs. Marilyn Eggleston, and helping with the Thanksgiving and Holiday baskets, an activity I have done since 2009. All this work continuously brings me back to supporting others.

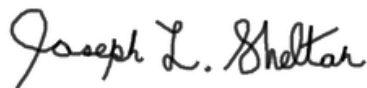
In November 2019, I was honored to run as a candidate for the District 11 School Board. My goals in running for the board, were to bring forward the voices of our community. After the 2019 election, I was excited to become more involved in District 11 by sitting on district committees. I am currently sitting on the Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee, the Graduation Requirements Steering Committee, and the Building Facility Master Plan Steering Committee. These committees have shown me much insight into School District 11 and the work being done to support our students, staff, and community.

I believe my work and leadership skills can further advance work and change for School District 11. As you can see by my resume, I have held many Board positions for non-profit organizations across Colorado Springs. I believe this shows the leadership skills that I hold in representing and supporting my communities.

I hope that you will consider me to fill the vacancy of Director Mary Coleman and continuing her leadership and work ethic for Colorado Springs School District 11. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

I look forward to the possibility of working with you into the future.

Yours in kindness,



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