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Dear Jefferson County Board of Education:

I must have missed something. I applied for membership on the Jeffco District Accountability Committee, and I know my application was submitted online before October 15. Today I received the following email message from Helen Neal:

Thank you for completing the application for membership on Jeffco's District Accountability Committee (DAC). As you may know, the Board appointed members to the DAC on October 15.

Please know that we will continue to seek out community members for committee appointments in future years and welcome you to apply as membership requirements, your interest and time allow.

Thank you for your continued support of Jeffco Public Schools and the success of our students.

My biggest questions are around the statement: "As you may know, the Board appointed members to the DAC on October 15." Appointed? If the committee members were to be appointed, why did you even have applications? Why was I never contacted about my application? The application provided no space to give background, experience, or information about what I had to offer this committee, so I was expecting some kind of follow-up contact to the application. Why was I never called or emailed or written to about questions you may have had or about an opportunity to talk with the board? I had heard nothing from the board or its administrative or clerical staff since my application. Why no contact or questions whatsoever from the time of my application to the message I received today, that the members on the DAC had been appointed on October 15? Were these members a choice of the entire board? How were they chosen? What sort of communication did they have with board members that I must have missed to give information about what they could offer the committee? Why wasn't I given those same opportunities?

I have background in education in both my own education and experience. But you wouldn't have known that unless you asked. I had two children who went through elementary, middle school and high school education in the Jeffco schools, and both of them graduated from Green Mountain High School. I do feel I have something to offer on a committee such as the DAC, and I feel my application was thoroughly discounted and unnoticed, and that it did not receive any acknowledgement or any consideration whatsoever. I would like some word of clarification as to why this happened and why my application was completely disregarded and overlooked.

Respectfully,



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