

## **Sarah Reid Statement of Interest**

I wanted you to know of my interest in serving on CPMT as the parent representative.

I have lived in Spotsylvania County since 1991 and have been employed by Spotsylvania County Schools since moving here. Two of my three sons have graduated from Chancellor High School, and the youngest one's entire public education career was in Spotsylvania County Schools.

My oldest son's two children attend Spotsylvania County Schools, and this son is currently an employee of the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Department. I share the information about my children and two of my grandchildren so you will know my connection to children as both a parent and grandparent.

I have been a public school educator in Virginia for over thirty-eight years with all but two of those years serving students who require special education services. In retirement it would be a great honor to continue to support children in the role of parent on the Community Policy Management Team.

I have taught at the elementary, middle and high school levels as both a general education teacher and special education teacher. As a middle school and high school teacher I have supported students with learning and behavioral needs. I also have a brother who is an adult with moderate intellectual disability.

In my role as Middle School Coordinator for Students with Disabilities in Spotsylvania County Schools, I have been privileged to work with administrators, staff and parents in problem solving to assist students who may struggle in reaching their potential. I will retire from this position on July 1, 2018, so I am looking forward to serving others in some capacity; thus, my interest in the parent representative role on CPMT.

In closing, I want to say what an amazing opportunity it has been for me to serve on the Office on Youth Advisory Board, and for the past year as a member of the Office on Youth Commission.

I have learned so much, and I have great regard for the work and collaboration of all our community agencies and service providers, including our local school systems, in providing supports for children and youth who are in need of services.

I would be honored to continue to serve.

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