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**Q1**

What is your full legal name?

Anne Marie Eckstorm Green

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**Q2**

Where do you live? Please provide full home address (no post office box).

Address	<b>126 Lupine Court</b>
City/Town	<b>Lexington</b>
State/Province	<b>SC</b>
ZIP/Postal Code	<b>29072</b>

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**Q3**

What is your telephone number?

8037274897

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**Q4**

What is your email address?

Amgreen@sc.rr.com

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**Q5**

**Bachelor degree**

What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

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**Q6**

What is your job title and place of employment?

Professional Volunteer

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**Q7**

Please list previous community involvement.

Lexington County School District One, School Board Trustee elected 2016 South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust Board of Directors installed 2020 Lexington Cotillion Board of Directors beg. Feb 2020 Autism Academy of South Carolina Board of Directors, Vice-President and Founding Board Member (Columbia, SC) 2011–present Lexington County School District One Education Foundation Board of Directors 2017–present First Baptist Church, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator (Columbia, SC) 2011–present First Baptist Church, Sunday School Teacher (Columbia, SC) 2007–present First Baptist Church, Communications & PR Committee Chairperson (Columbia, SC) 2002–present First Baptist Church, Interim Grade School Ministry Co-Director (Columbia, SC) 2017–2019 Meadow Glen Middle School, School Improvement Council, Elected Parent Representative (Lexington, SC) 2012–2019 Meadow Glen Middle School PTO, President (Lexington, SC) 2015–2018 River Bluff High School, School Improvement Council, Elected Parent Representative (Lexington, SC) 2014–2017 Lexington County School District One, Superintendent’s Advisory Council (Lexington, SC) 2012–2017 Lexington County School District One, Government Relations Committee (Lexington, SC) 2013–2016 Lexington County School District One, Parent Ambassador (Lexington, SC) 2013–2016 Midway Elementary School, School Improvement Council, Elected Parent Representative (Lexington, SC) 2009–2016 Midway Elementary School PTO, President (Lexington, SC) 2012–2015 First Baptist Church, Capital Campaign Communications Chairperson (Columbia, SC) 2014–2015 First Baptist Church, Fall Festival Chairperson (Columbia, SC) 2008–2012 First Baptist Church, AWANA Commander (Columbia, SC) 2006–2012 First Baptist Church, Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Coordinator (Columbia, SC) 2003–2005

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**Q8**

Do you have children currently attending and/or children who will attend Lexington District One schools in the future? If so, how many?

Trevor -- current 10th grader at River Bluff HS

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**Q9**

Have any of your children graduated from Lexington District One schools? If so, how many?

Colton -- River Bluff HS class of 2018; Reagan -- River Bluff HS class of 2020

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## Q10

Why do you think you would be a good Lexington District One board member?

I have been and will continue to be a board member that shows up. In just under 4 years as a Lexington 1 School Board member, I have participated in 484 events, meetings, school visits, celebrations, graduations, and learning opportunities. I've toured schools throughout the State to observe innovations and practices that could benefit our students; seen our Google wifi-enabled school bus in action; marveled at kids as young as kindergarten programming video games and robots in our Code To The Future classrooms; celebrated English-language learners, Special Ed graduates, and Adult Ed GED recipients as they accomplished goals no one thought they could; had my socks blown off by Teachers Of The Year from our schools and wondered how judges could pick just 1 of them to win; and watched 6,853 Lexington 1 graduates walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. Our students excel in arts and music, pursue athletic dreams, develop and use leadership skills, work on the newest technology, become bilingual, and serve the vulnerable in our community as they are mentored, loved, encouraged, and inspired by our teachers every single day – and I have tried not to miss any of it.

The secret is out: Lexington is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. As a Lexington High graduate and a mother who chose to raise 3 children here, I understand what makes this community home. Since I joined the board, Lexington 1's student enrollment has increased by more than 2,900 and now stands at more than 27,000 students. I am proud of our proactive growth strategy – one that is opening 4 new schools by next year and improving or expanding every school in every corner of our district by 2024.

I will to continue to be there for our teachers. As the proud daughter and sister-in-law of teachers, I deeply understand and appreciate the importance and value of their work. In fact, last year I wrote and championed the Lexington 1 School Board Resolution Supporting Teachers and worked to raise our starting teacher salary by more than \$2,200. Our students' success depends on the skills, knowledge, and positive influence of dedicated teachers, and I am committed to having a world-class teacher in every classroom in Lexington 1 and paying them a nationally competitive salary.

In the last four years, I have worked diligently behind the scenes to improve and enhance open and honest communication at every level of our district, pushing for greater transparency and ensuring that Lexington 1 is sharing accurate and factual information in the midst of a digitally-driven, social media culture.

I've testified on behalf of our students and district at the State House on education funding and reform. I've met routinely with our US Senators and Congressional leaders to ask them to fully support the IDEA, provide 0% interest bonds for school construction, and increase broadband access to rural areas. And I've developed positive, effective relationships with key members of the Lexington County Legislative Delegation and Town and County Council Members to improve collaboration to benefit our community.

I have learned so much and I have worked hard to ensure that our schools are safe, staffed with high-quality teachers and administrators, and able to provide our students opportunities to learn, grow and explore. I am committed to continuing my work on behalf of our community to keep Lexington School District One SC's premier school district.

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## Q11

Why are you running for a seat on the Board of Trustees?

I have a deep love for Lexington 1 and it is truly a calling for me to serve our community. Our community thrives and flourishes because of our exceptional schools. I am incredibly proud to be a Lexington 1 graduate. I am forever grateful for the influence of our Lexington 1 schools and their staff on my children and the doors of opportunity our schools have opened for them. I want to serve as a Lexington 1 School Board Trustee to pay back just a portion of what Lexington 1 has given me and to my family.

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**Q12**

What is the single most important issue facing public education today?

I think the biggest problem facing public education today is the GAPS. The gaps have existed for a long time but have grown in severity and impact in recent years. The Covid19 school shutdown moved conversation about the gaps out of the closed meeting rooms of "educrats" and onto the front pages of newspapers and into everyday conversation: opportunity gaps, safety gaps, income gaps, nutrition gaps, language gaps, parent support gaps, internet access gaps, mental and emotional support gaps, school engagement gaps.

School funding and standardized testing have been the focus of education policy and education reform in recent years. Funding is a supremely important issue, particularly in South Carolina and especially since the passage of Act 388 in 2006. Likewise, measuring student success and defining and assessing student achievement are important barometers in grading the effectiveness of our public schools. However, school funding, or lack of, and student achievement, or lack of, are symptoms of the root cause problem: the gaps.

The school shut-down really shined a light on the critical services and supports that our schools provide students beyond academics and those services do so much to try to fill in the gaps. We saw incredibly innovative and focused efforts taken to address these material and emotional challenges of our students. My hope is that this new focus will continue and that debates and conversations about school funding and student achievement will begin and end with what our children really need and what student success really is.

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